AN ACCOUNT OF THE TRANSACTIONS IN THE North of Ireland, Anno Domini, 1691.

AND

Of many other Remarkable Paſſages, during our laſt Years Succeſsful Campaign in that Kingdom.

With a Particular Relation

Of the Manner of Beſieging and Taking the Town of *Sligoe* by Storm, by the Honourable Collonel *JOHN MICHELBURNE*, Governor of *London-Derry*; and ſometimes Governour of the Town and Fort of *Sligoe*, then Commander in Chief of Their MAJESTIES Forces in the Province of *Ulſter*.

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To His Excellency

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Earl of *Athlone*, Viſcount *Aghrim*, Baron of *Barronaſloe*, and *Bar de Ginkell*, Commander in Chief of Their Majeſties Forces in the Kingdom of *IRELAND*.

My Lord,

THIS following Treatiſe, is a Subject that lies ſo wholly whithin Your own Province of Honour, that it pretends a kind of Right to lay it ſelf at Your Excellencies Feet For though in general it relates the happy Managery

of the laſt Years *Succeſſes in the North of* Ireland, *yet ſince that cannot be done without publiſhing ſome juſt Teſtimonials of the Courage, Fidelity, and Services of my Worthy Friend Collonel* John Michelburn, *methinks it is a piece of Duty* (as *the Pendant always attends the Flag*) *to uſher his Bannoret under Your Standard. And truly there's ſome farther Plea for my preſumption, in this Dedication,* viz. *That I may juſtly avow, that Collonel's Early Endeavours in the Kingdom of* Ireland, *were at leaſt the* Phoſphore *to Your Excellencies brighter Sun. His forward Hand gave the firſt fair Earneſt for the* Iriſh *Succeſſes, when in his Exemplary Northern Services, his Preſervation of* London-derry, *I may properly ſay, like a true* Forlorn Hope, *he held the Enemy in play, till Your Excellencies heavier Maſs of Glory could come up to ſweep the intire Victory. A Victory indeed, in which the World muſt do You this publick Juſtice, that the whole laſt Years Renown was entirely Your own. For whilſt in all the other Scenes of War, as* Germany, Flanders, Savoy, *&c. Fortune in a manner kept wholly neuter*

venter, and the reſt of the Neighbouring Heroes only ſtood at a Bay, Your Excellencies were Active Arme held the moſt prevailing Sword, and only play'd the Conquering Game, whilſt an entire Victory follow'd no Chariot but Your own.

And as long as the Compleat Reduction of Ireland *fills ſo large a Page in the* Engliſh Annals, *Your Excellencies never dying Merit muſt ſtand Chronicled with ſo fair a Character, that they muſt give You this peculiar Renown, That you made not War a Trade: You felt the Cauſe You fought; and in the Service of* England, *conſulted the Intereſt of* Chriſtendom, *whilſt the Expedition of Your Triumph is poſſibly the brighteſt of Your Lawrels.*

But alas! 'Tis not my Province to be Your Excellencies Herauld or Hiſtorian; there's no occaſion for my poor Pen to attempt what all Tongues are already full of. 'Tis enough that with the Fame You have all the Vertues of a Conquerour, and as ſuch, this Gentleman's *Cauſe can not come before*

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an Abler, or Properer Judge; the Assurance of which Justice, is the occasion of this Confidence from,

My Honoured Lord,

Your Excellencies most Obedient

(tho' Unkown) Humble Servant

and Admirer,

J. H.

A TRUE

John Clavering

TO THE READER.

THough this following *Diſcourſe* (as it contains a perfect Series of the moſt important Affairs that were tranſacted in the *North* of *Ireland* the laſt Campaigne; and conſequently relates the Succeſs of our *Engliſh* Arms in that Kingdom; ſo much conduceing to the happineſs of our own) cannot but be an entertaining Subject to every honeſt Reader; yet the publiſhing this enſuing Narrative is not altogether on that deſign. The Vindication of a private Cauſe of the Honourable Coll. *John Michelburne*, a Perſon ſo eminently Inſtrumental in the Recovery of *Ireland*, has in ſome meaſure been the Motive that engag'd this preſent Pen to be drawn in his Defence. Vertue does not always meet with Juſtice from the Mouth of ill tongu'd Fame; Her Enemies are often ſo ſucceſsful (Detraction and Envy ſtill ſtriking at the nobleſt Merit) that in the falſe Game they play, the Honeſt ſide is commonly on the Looſing hand, and the Innocent receives its fall from the Treacherous ſtab of envious Malice, and ſucceſsful Villany. Now it being the Misfortune of the Honourable Perſon I have mention'd, to be

be unworthily a Sufferer in this kind, you will find that whilſt this Treatiſe I am writing, gives you an exact Relation from day to day, of the manner and means he us'd to reduce *Sligoe*, which was taken by him, commanding there in chief; it will not only ſatisfie the curioſity of thoſe that are pleaſed to look nicely into thoſe Affairs in general, but will do a particular Juſtice to his Honour, (whoſe Services have deſerv'd a much kinder Treatment, than hitherto they have met with) by unloading him of thoſe notorious Injuries that moſt unjuſtly ill-minded Men had thrown upon him.

Coll. *Michelburne* being impower'd by the Lords Juſtices, and the General, to command all the Forces of the Province of *Ulſter*; after he had made his ſecond Attack againſt the Garriſon he lay before, without that Succeſs he expected, which was occaſioned by ſome of the Militia's cowardly deſerting him, a very hard and untrue Character of his Management in that Affair, (by what means tranſmitted we know not) was ſent over to Her Majeſty, which repreſented him ſo faulty, that the Queen immediately ſent particular Orders to the L. Juſtices of *Ireland*, to take the matter into their Judiciary Cognizance and Examination. I having the good fortune to be an Intimate Acquaintance of his, was much ſurpriz'd and troubled to hear the rumour of thoſe unwelcome Untruths (as I conceiv'd 'em) that ſeem'd to blacken ſo my Friends unſpotted Honour; My reſpect therefore for a Perſon who was ſo early a Defender of His Majeſty's Intereſt in the Kingdom of *Ireland*, to whoſe

whose Vigilancy, Courage, Conduct, and Fidelity the moſt happy Succeſs we met with at *London-derry*, next under God, onght chiefly to be attributed, woud not ſuffer me to joyn with the unthinking Populace in that Cry againſt him. But on the contrary, I was reſolved to continue the ſame Honourable Opinion of him, that his former actions had eſtabliſh'd in me, believing it impoſſible for a Perſon that had ſo lately ſignalized himſelf, cou'd ever deviate from the Paths of his innate Vertue, and unſhaken Loyalty; being firm in this Belief, and zealous for my Friends' Honour, I could not forbear enquiring by a Letter from him, what effects this Calumny might have on his Affairs in *Ireland*, and whither, as yet he had healed his wounded Reputation before the Lords Juſtices. I ſoon receeived a very ſatisfactory Anſwer, with a Copy of a Letter from General *Ginkell* to him (which you will find inſerted hereafter in its proper place) ſo much applauding the Collonel's ſignal Services, that it rejoyc'd me to know, that the malice of his ill-minded Enemies, cou'd not divert his Excellency from conceiving the ſame fair Character of him, that all juſt Men ought. But what pleas'd me moſt was to underſtand, that the Lords Juſtices (after he had three publick hearings before their Lordſhips) where he was fully acquitted, had ſent a Lerter to my Lord *Nottingham* in his Vindication, which was in Anſwer to Her Majeſty's, that commanded them to inſpect into the Collonel's Miſcariages. This indeed was a great ſatisfaction to me, but notwithſtanding

all this, conſidering how hard it is when vulgar Tongues are ſet a barking, to lay the cry, and that this Letter to the Queen in his Favour, might not be generally known; for want of which, the publick Clamours are not yet wholly ſilenc'd, and his Enemies through that advantage may ſtill carry on their private Intrigues to his diſhonour; I have therefore prevailed with him to deliver into my Hands what Papers he had relating to the Tranſactions, where he commanded in Chief, as well all Orders and Letters that were ſent him from the Lords Juſtices, and the General, with his Anſwer to 'em, and thoſe which paſs'd betwixt him and Sir *Teague O Regan*, and others relating to the Military Affairs; as alſo the Journal of his own Procedings, which I have here with his leave taken the boldneſs to print, with his Tryal in the Cloſe, thereby not only to ſatisfie the World of the juſt meaſures he took in reducing ſo important a place as *Sligoe*, the Key of *Connaught*; but likewiſe to make his Reparation as publick as his Injuries.

When the Impartial *Reader* ſhall have peruſed this following Narration, he will eaſily perceive on what a weak Foundation they had built their hopes of ruining this much injur'd Gentleman, when the height of their deſpiſed malice durſt but aim at forging ſo poor a Scandal on him, as Plundering. Why did they not aſperſe him for want of Conduct or Courage? Oh! no, in both thoſe Capacities they thought he ſtood too viſibly above their feeble Batteries, and even this mean Chagre they lay'd againſt him, how did they aim in vain to make

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it out? Why even thus. The Grand Intriguers of this pitiful Deſign, were *Forward* and *Vaughan*, two Militia Captains under the Collonel's Command againſt *Sligo*, Men of ſo Renowned a Character, that they were both notoriouſly famous for quitting their Poſts (which is vulgarly call'd running away) when in all probability he was juſt on the point of reducing *Sligoe*, of which Notorious Cowardice, being Accuſed by Coll. *Michelburne*, theſe worthy Malecontents, to be reveng'd for the juſt Diſgrace he had thrown upon them, enter'd into a Conſpiracy againſt him, with one *George Rob*, an Inconſiderable Varlet, that the Collonel had threaten'd with Hanging, for privately Converſing with the Enemy, and ſelling them Tobacco.

But whilſt theſe three wretched Confederates were hatching their Villanies, they were in a great ſtrait how to have 'em brought to light, for the whole Country was ſo well ſatisfied of Coll. *Michelburne*'s Worth and Honour, that no Juſtice of Peace wou'd take any Affidavits againſt him, inſomuch that *Vaughan* himſelf was forc'd to act that part, and after he had taken ſuch weak Informations as were then new coin'd againſt him by this wretched *Triumviri*, the Diminitive Tobacco Merchant was immediately diſpatcht away, on this Mighty Embaſſy to *Dublin*. As to what happened thereupon, and how fully his impertinent Evidence was anſwer'd, *I* refer you to the reading of the Collonel's Tryal before the Lords Juſtices. And now becauſe I have hinted in the preceding part of this Preface, what

Fame is owing to that Exemplary Service, was done by this Honourable Perſon in the Memorable Siege of *Londonderry*, I will give the Reader to underſtand what Part he acted in that Memorable Siege. Tho' lowd Tongu'd Fame ſo highly has blown up the great Renown of Dr. *Walker* in *England*, as truly much Praiſe was due to him for having been ſo great an Animator of the *Proteſtant* Cauſe in thoſe worſt of Times, which was his proper Trade to do; yet after the Death of Coll. *Baker*, which happened in the heighth of the Towns Diſtreſs, and deepeſt Calamities, Coll. *Michelburne* was in joynt Command with the Doctor, whoſe Conduct appear'd more conſpicuous in the Eating part than the Fighting, and reaſon good, the Charge of the Stores, and Proviſion being committed to him alone, whilſt his Brother Governour was only the Martial Colleague, and the intire management of the Towns Defence lodged wholly in Coll. *Michelburne*'s Breaſt; during which time, as his Principles were too Honourable to liſten to any Allurements of the Enemy without the Walls, ſo his Hardſhips within 'em were not able to ſhake his Loyalty, nor leſſen his Undaunted Courage, which appear'd particularly in his planting the Bloody Flag on the *Royal Baſtion*, and afterwards mounting it on the top of a Steeple, to ſhew the Beſieged, as well as the Beſiegers, the heighth of Reſolution, as they found in the Sequel, for when the Enemies Poltick Barbarity had drove the *Proteſtant* part of all the Country around without reſpect of Perſons, Age, or Sex, to ſtarve under *Derry* Walls,

Walls; to return the great Civility with no leſs Policy than Bravery, he erected a Lofty *Gallows* in ſight of 'em, to hang 21 Lords, Knights, and other Commanders, which were taken before, as Trophies of a Victory lately Obtained; which Stratagem obliged the Foe to let the Affrighted People Retreat from Danger. Nor had he the Happineſs, only to ſave the Town through that Miſerable Siege, a Service of ſo high Importance, that the King's then Tottering Intereſt in *Ireland* was kept in *Æquilibrio* by him, till Lieutenant General *Kirke* approaching turn'd the Scales; But he had the unhappineſs likewiſe of feeling, in a great meaſure, the ſmart of War, as well as reaping the Glory of it, having had the irreparable Misfortune of looſing his dear Lady, and Children, with all his Family, by the rage of Peſtilence, and deadly Famine in this terrible Siege. Yet tho' he had ſo diſmal an Occaſion of exerciſing his Paſſive, as well as active Courage; my much honour'd Friend, conſtant to both ſorts of Magnanimity, with the ſame equal Temper bore the Fortune that dreſt his Brows with Cipreſs Garlands, as that which Crown'd them with Victorions Lawrels; well knowing, that

Fortior eſt qui ſe quam qui fortiſſima vincit
Mœnia——

Reader Farewel, but e're we part, that you may certainly be informed the *Eulogium* I have given Coll. *Michelburne* may paſs for Current Coin, behold the Stamp a Copy of the King's own Letter has put upon it.

William

VVilliam R.

To Our Truſty and Wellbeloved *George Walker*, and *John Michelburne*, Eſq; Governors of *Londonderry*.

TRuſty and Wellbeloved We Greet you well, *The Eminent and Extraordinary Service that you have performed unto us and our Kingdoms in General by your late Reſolute and unparallel'd Defence of that our City of* Londonderry, *as it does Oblige us in the firſt place to an Humble Acknowledgment to Almighty God for his Signal Mercy in Supporting the Hearts and Courages of our good Subjects, amidſt their great and Various Difficulties and Diſtreſſes, ariſing from a furious Oppoſition without, and yet a more preſſing Neceſſity within thoſe Walls, and ſending them at laſt Deliverance, and bringing them by your Conduct to Triumph over their Enemies, which we cannot but Attribute, to an immediate Divine Aſſiſtance, inſpiring them with a Zeal for the true Religion, a Love for their Countrey, and an Unſhaken Fidelity towards Us; and muſt ever own it as a Continuation of that Miraculous Providence which hath hitherto conducted Us throughout our Endeavours to reſettle theſe Nations in all their Civil and Religious Rights and Liberties: So in the next place taking into our Serious Conſideretion, as well the Importance of this Succeſs, as that Conſtancy and Bravery, by which*

which it hath been brought to paſs, We would not omit ſignifying unto you the juſt ſenſe We have of this whole Action, in which having the greateſt Opportunity that can be put into the hands of any Subjects of Obliging their Prince; you have in all points acquitted your ſelves to Our Satisfaction, even beyond what could have been expected; inſomuch that it now lies on Our part to make ſuch Retributions, as well to you the Commanders in Chief, who have been the happy Inſtruments, under God, of this Deliverance; as others who have Signalized their Loyalty, Courage, and Patience in this time of Tryal, that all Our Subjects being Encouraged by this Example, may be ſtirred up to the Imitation of it, in the like hazardous, but Honourable Enterprizes. We Will therefore that you Rely on Our Royal Favour towards you; and alſo, that in Our Name you aſſure the Officers, Soldiers, and Inhabitants of that Our City, that we will take fitting Occaſions to recompence their Services and Sufferings in Our Cauſe, ſo that they nor any other of Our Loving Subjects ſhall ever have reaſon to repent them of a Faithful Diſcharge of their Duty; and ſo we bid you Farewel.

Given at our Court at *Hampton-Court*, this 16th. Day of *Auguſt*, 1689. In the Firſt Year of Our Reign.

By His Majeſties Command,

Shrewsbury.

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A TRUE ACCOUNT OF THE TRANSACTIONS IN THE North of Ireland, In the YEAR, 1691.

AT the Opening of the Campaign, when the Army drew into the Field, 'twas thought reasonable, that when that part of the Army that was Quartered in *Ulster*, under the Command of Lieut. Gen. *Douglas*, joyned the other parts of the Army at *Mullingar*, that a Regiment of the standing Army, as also a considerable Body of the Militia, should be posted at several Passes on *Lough-Hearne*; as that of *Belturbet*, *Cavan*, *Eneskillin*, as likewise at *Belleick*, and *Ballyshanan*, called by the Name of the *Earne Water*, to defend those several Passes against the Incursions of the Enemy from their several Frontiers, as that of *Jamestown*, and *Boyle*; and particularly the Town and Forts of *Sligoe*, Commanded by Sir *Teague O Regan*, being the main Entrance into *Ulster* from *Connaught*, and the most convenient and ready Access into the North, by way of *Ballyshanan*: 'Twas therefore concluded by the General,

and the Right Honourable the Lords Juſtices, that Coll. *Mitchelburne*, with his Regiment, ſhould be poſted at the places above mentioned, a Perſon capable of Command, being ſo well known by his Indefatigable Pains in managing the Government of *Derry*, and eſpecially the Souldiery of the Garriſon, during the whole time of that Memorable Siege, where he baffled General *Hamilton*, and his whole *Iriſh* Army.

The Forces under his Command, were as followeth.

Coll. *Mitchelburne's* whole Regiment.
5 Companys of Coll. *Venner's* Regiment.
1 Troop of Dragoons, Sir *Albert Conningham's*.
1 Troop of Dragoons, Coll. *Wm's*.
} *Standing Army.*

Theſe following, were under the Command of Sir *Francis Hamilton* Baronet, Lieutenant of the County of *Donegal*.

Capt. *Forward*	Foot Companies.
Capt. *Vaughan*	
Capt. *Wray*	Capt. *Tho. Aſh.*
Capt. *John Hamilton*	Capt. *Pa. Hamilton.*
Capt. *Sampſon*	Capt. *Oliver Macaſhlin.*
Capt. *Charles Hamilton*	
Capt. *William Stewart*	

The Rivers at this time were very low, which required very ſtrict Guards on all the Fords, and the Patrols from Poſt to Poſt continually moving in the Night: About the middle of *June* by the heedleſneſs of a ſmall Party of our Dragoons, who Patroll'd Morning and Evening 4 or 5 Miles in an open Countrey to *Burnderuſe*, on a ſuddain were ſurprized by one Capt. *Mac Sherry*, and about Ten of them taken Priſoners: *Mac Sherry* himſelf confeſſed he took them when they were Fiſhing for Salmon: Theſe Men were ſoon releaſed, for one Lieutenant *Scott*, Brother to Coll. *Scott*, Deputy Governour of *Sligoe*; but loſt all their Horſes and Arms. Whilſt the ſaid Collonel was poſting his Men to the beſt

beſt Advantage for the Defence of theſe moſt Important Places, being the Inlet of the whole North; for could the Enemy but get advantage, all *Ulſter* would be in great danger, the General, as alſo the Lords Juſtices being by ſeveral good hands informed, that *Jameſtown* on the *Shanon*, *Boyle*, and *Sligoe* were Deſerted by the Enemy, ſends theſe following Orders to Collonel *Mitchelburne*.

Dublin-Caſtle, the 4th. of *July* 1691.

SIR,

THE Lords Juſtices being informed, that the Enemy have Deſerted *Sligoe* and *Jameſtown*, in *Connought*, do think it of very great importance that they be forthwith poſſeſs'd by their Majeſties Forces, and therefore have ſent you the encloſed Order, which you are deſired to peruſe with all the ſpeed that poſſible may be, if you find the Information true, and that it be feaſeable to be done, otherwiſe you are not to undertake it: And of your Proceedings from time to time, you are to give their Lordſhips an Account. Which, by their Lordſhips Command, is Signified to you by

Sir,

Your very humble Servant,

J. Davis.

I am Commanded to let you know that the Biſket now at *Belleik*, is deſign'd for *Galway*; ſo that unleſs you find the deſign upon *Sligoe* and *Jameſtown*, like to ſucceed, you are not to take any of it.

J. Davis.

To Collonel Mitchelburne, *for Their Majeſties Special Service.*

The General's Letter on the ſame Occaſion.

YOU are hereby Directed, and Required in caſe the Enemy ſhall have left and quitted *Sligoe*, to ſend ſuch part of the Standing Army under your Command in the North thither, as may be ſufficient to take poſſeſſion of, and ſecure the ſaid Garriſon; and your Proceedings herein, the Condition of the

place, and of what elſewhere you may think now, or from time to time proper for me to know, you are to give me a particular Account of.

Given at the Camp by Athlone *this 5th. of* July, 1691.

To Coll. *Mitchelburne*, and in his Abſence to the Officer in Chief with the Standing Forces in the North.

Bar de Ginkell.

It is the General's Directions, that the Officers take care their Men behave themſelves Orderly, and not Abuſe and Plunder the Countrey, and for what they do of that nature, the Officers to be anſwerable.

George Clarke.

Coll. *Mitchelburne* receiving theſe two Expreſſes, one from the Lords Juſtices, and the other from the General, immediately ſends away a Drummer to *Sligoe* to Sir *Teague O Regan*, with ſome Letters that were ſent from *Londonderry* by ſome Priſoners that were taken by the ſaid Coll. at *Derry*, in the time of the Siege; in particular one Lieut. *Scott*, Brother to Coll. *Scott*, joynt Governor with Sir *Teague*, and Coll. of one of the Regiments Garriſon'd in *Sligoe*.

Collonel Mitchelburne's *Letter to* Sir Teague.

SIR,

'TIS no ſmall Satisfaction to me, to know that my Old Acquaintance Sir *Teague O Regan*, the happineſs of whoſe Company I have ſo often enjoy'd in the *French* Campaign, ſhould be in a Garriſon ſo near me: As alſo Coll. *Scott*. I have ſent you a Pacquet of Letters by my Drum, from the Priſoners in *Londonderry*, one whereof is to Coll. *Scott* from his Brother, to whom I have been Civil upon the Collonel's Account, which he does kindly acknowledge. My Service to Collonel *Scott*. I am

SIR,

Your moſt Humble Servant,

John Mitchelburne.

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The Drum was dispatch'd away immediately, with Orders not to spare Horse-flesh, but to return with all speed; but instead of coming that night, or the next day, there being no News of the Drummer, the Collonel could not conjecture what was become of him; he thought either he was knock'd in the Head by the *Rapperees*, or that Sir *Teague O Regan* was removing, and would not let him return, least he should give an Account of the postnre they were in, which might be the cause of our falling on their Rear. He resolves therefore to know the truth of the matter; and the 3*d*. day, having no News of his Drummer, calls a Court Martial, and march'd that Night.

The Court Martial.

A General Court Martial held at Ballyshanan *this* 13th *of* July, 1691.

WHereas by two Letters received, one from the General, and the other from the Lords Justices, giving an Account of the Enemies quitting *Sligoe* and *Jamestown*, We having sent a Drummer to *Sligoe* to observe their motion, and the truth thereof; and finding no return of the Message sent, do think it highly necessary for Their Majesties Service, to march as many of the standing Army and Militia as can be spared towards *Sligoe*, at Nine a Clock this Night, that we may be able to give an Account of the Affairs of *Sligoe*, and full Answer to each Letter. J. Mitchelburne

John Forward.	*William Mead.*
Charles Hamilton.	Capt. *Caldwell.*
George Vaughan.	Capt. *Nesbitt.*
William Hewart.	*George Gregory.*
William Wray.	*Stephen Miller.*
John Hamilton.	*Richard Bickerstaffe.*
~~*John Mitchelburne.*~~	*Mich. Coningham.*
William Staughton.	

The Court Martial being over, and every one sworn to Secresie, they march their Troops and Companies over the River with

with as much Expedition as they could. We ſet forward towards *Sligoe* about 9 that Night, the Strength of what we march'd, leaving the Forts and Paſſes indifferently well guarded, were as followeth.

About 80 Dragoons, ſtanding Army	080
The Collonel's Foot	200
Collonel *Venner*'s Foot	100
The Militia	200
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By break of day we came to *Mullooghmore* mid-way, between *Ballyſhanan* and *Sligoe*, and about five came to the *Grange*, where the Collonel poſted all the Foot in the old Walls of the *Grange* in Ambuſh, commanded by Lieut. Coll. *Staughton*.

When we halted and drew up, by reaſon of ſome difficulty whilſt we were at *Mulooghmore*, ſome Diſputes were ſtarted by Capt. *Forward*, and ſome of the Militia, of what ill conſequence it would be if the Enemy ſhould give us a Defeat, that moſt part of the *North* lay open to the Incurſions of the Enemy, the ſubſtance of which was diſcours'd with to the Collonel, by Captain *Henry Hart*; the Collonel made anſwer, it was a ſhame to turn back, ſince they were half way: As alſo, why did not they object this at the Court-Martial, but ſaid, he would go if he had no more than the ſtanding Army, and thoſe of the Militia as would not follow him, they might turn back; but if they would truſt to his Management, they need not in the leaſt doubt; for his buſineſs was not to fight the Enemy, but to know if *Sligoe* were deſerted. And accordingly, as ſoon as the Foot were poſted, by way of Ambuſh, the Collonel takes all the Horſe and Dragoons with him, and mounts about Forty of his Granadeers on the Officers Horſes; he having about ſeven ſhort Miles to *Sligo*, he march'd with that Precipitation, that it was impoſſible to be ſurprized by the Enemy, leaving Scouts on every Hill, till he arrived within a Mile of *Sligoe*; where obſerving no Horſe appear, he advanc'd nearer, and obſer'vd about 300 or 400 Foot drawn out, by which means he diſcover'd, that *Sligo* was not

not deſerted, as was reported: the Colloned continued before the Town above an hour, and then march'd back; 'twas very remarkable, to march 20 Miles, and eſpecially when we march'd ſo private, not ſo much as to meet with one Perſon to give us Intelligence.

The Colloned's Letter to Sir Teague, *concerning the Drummer, which was detained by him in the Town,* July 13*th.* 1691.

SIR,

I Think ſtrange that you detain my Drummer theſe four days, which was never yet practicable by the Law of Arms, and muſt needs be a great Reflection upon you by this unjuſt dealing. If I have him not ſpeedily, I'll revenge his wrong on the Priſoners in *Derry*, which is all from

To the Honourable Sir Teague O Regan, *Governour of* Sligoe.

Your humble Servant, *John Mitchelburne.*

This now he ſent by a Girl into the Town to Sir *Teague*, leaſt he ſhould detain the Meſſenger, and then drew off his Men, and at *Drumcleiſe* ſtrand the Enemy advanced with ſome Horſe, where was ſome skirmiſhing on both ſides, but at the appearance of our Granadeers, the Enemy retreated, and we march'd back to the *Grange*, and joyn'd our Foot, and march'd that Night to *Ballyſhanan*.

The next Morning the *Drummer* returned and brought this following anſwer.

Sligoe, July 14th. 1691.

I Received yours, and as to my Detaining the Drummer, I rather took him for a Spye than a Drummer, for he was not ſatisfied to be in the Town, but muſt go up into the Fort, and make his Obſervations; beſides, his Confidence, and giving his Tongue that Liberty, that I could by no means ſuffer it; and I am ſure you would have don no leſs had any of Ours been guilty of half the Impertinence in your Garriſon; and for the future I deſire

deſire that any other Drummer may be ſent, rather than that Fellow: I am very glad you are my Neighbour, and will treat you with all the Civilities our Cauſe will allow. Collonel *Scott* gives you his Humble Service. I am

Your moſt Humble Servant
Teague O Regan.

Collonel Mitchelburne's *Letter to the Lords Juſtices, giving them Account of this his firſt Journey to* Sligoe.

My Lords,

I Received two Expreſſes, one from Your Lordſhips, the other from the General, to take Poſſeſſion of *Sligoe*, if it was quitted by the Enemy; but the Difficulty was ſuch, that it is almoſt impoſſible to get Intelligence, for there is not a Dweller between this and *Sligoe*. On *Tueſday* laſt I poſted away a Drummer with Letters from the Priſoners of *Londonderry*, to the Governor of *Sligoe*, thinking by that means to know the certainty, but they detain'd the Drum, and do ſtill, which was a ſuſpition that they had, or were about to Deſert it. On *Tueſday* I call'd a General Council, as is herein Incloſed, and about Eight that Night we Rendezvouzed three hundred Foot, and two hundred Horſe; and about Six next Morning We came to a ſmall Village call'd the *Grange*, within Six Miles of *Sligoe*, where I poſted my Foot by way of Ambuſh, Commanded by Lieut. Coll. *Staughton*. I march'd the Horſe within a Mile of *Sligoe*, where we perceived the Garriſon that was in that Fort to draw out, but not any Horſe to be ſeen, which gave me ſo much confidence, as to march and draw up nearer: My Granadeers and ſome Dragoons advanced to ſome Ditches, and ſome Shot was exchanged. We continued about an Hour, and then march'd back and joyn'd the Foot, and about Eight that Night we came to *Ballyſhanon*. I have no further to acquaint your Lordſhips at preſent, but am

My Lords,
Your Lordſhips moſt Faithful and Obedient Servant,
John Mitchelburne.

The like Letter was ſent to General *Ginkell*.

This is the Account of our firſt Journey to Sligoe.

Coll.

Coll. *Mitchelburne* having taken a View of *Sligoe*, as alſo the Forts, was reſolved the ſecond time to viſit Sir *Teague*, and to ſtay ſome two or three days before the place, to know if any Advantages might be gained towards Reducing the Town, and therefore thus acquaints the Lords Juſtices in the following Letter of it.

My Lords,

I Think it not amiſs to give your Lordſhips an Account of what Militia I have here, which is only ſix Troops of Dragoons out of *Dunigal*, and out of the County of *Londonderry* only part of a Company commanded by Capt. *Patrick Hamilton*. Since my laſt Advance to *Sligoe*, I am informed of the Ill condition of the place, the Soldiers are a Rabble, all Ragged, and have no Allowance but one pound of Bread a Day; 'tis likewiſe told me, that moſt part of their Craights would come in on protection, ſo that if your Lordſhips would but allow me ſome more force, and others to advance thither, I do not queſtion but in a ſhort time to give your Lordſhips a very good Account of my Proceedings. Sir *Teague O Regan* has been theſe two or three days very buſie in repairing all his Works about the Fort.

Your Lordſhips moſt Faithful and Obedient Servant,
John Michelburne.

About this time Coll. *Michelburne* writ to *Eniskillen* to Lieut. Coll. *Ramſey*, to joyn him with an hundred Men at *Manner Hamilton*, and to bring with him as many of the Militia as he could, with an intent to Summons *Sligoe*, and to bring them, if poſſible, to Surrender: but the ſame time came a Potent to him to march back to *Drogheda*, and withal a Letter to Coll. *Michelburne* from the General, to ſend a Detatchment to Convey the Ships loaded with Biskets to *Gallway*, (viz.)

By the General Ginkell, *Commander in Chief of Their Majeſties Forces.*

THE Maſters of the two Ships loaded with Biſket, at preſent in the Bay of *Ballyſtannon*, now are hereby required to

ſet Sail inſtantly for *Gallway*, if the Frigat ſent for their Convoy be come to them, which I hereby order immediately without loſs of time to guard them thither; if not, they are to go to the Governor of *Ballyſhannon*, who, in that caſe, is required to give twenty five Soldiers to each Ship to ſecure them to *Gallway*, as aforeſaid forthwith; and this ſhall be to him and them a ſufficient Warrant Reſpectively. *Given at the Camp at* Loughrea *this* 16*th. of* July, 1691.

Bar de Ginkell.

To Coll. *John Michelburne* Commander at *Ballyſhannon*. *Geo. Clarke.*

This with the Potent that came to Lieut. Coll. *Ramſy*, hindred our deſign againſt *Sligo*, ſo that it was put off till ſome other time.

The day after C. *Michelburne* received this following Potent.

YOU are hereby directed, as ſoon as you ſhall be releived by the Regiment of Coll. *Samuel Vennor*, to march with the Regiment under your Command from your Reſpective Quarters to *Athlone*, and remain there till further Orders; and you are to acquaint the Officers that they are to be anſwerable for the Behaviour of their Souldiers, and to ſee that they plunder not, nor abuſe the Country in their ſaid March, and eſpecially thoſe to whom I ſhall think fit to grant my protection. *Given at the Camp by* Aghrim, *this* 14*th. of* July, 1691.

To Coll. *Michelburne* Commanding one of Their Majeſties Regiments of Foot, or the Officer in Chief with that Regiment.

Bar de Ginkell.

Geo. Clarke.

The next Day he received this following Expreſs.

NOtwithſtanding any former Orders for your march with the Regiment under your Command, ſo ſoon as you are Releived by that of Coll. *Vennor*, to *Athlone*; you are now directed to remain in your preſent Quarters until you are otherwiſe

wiſe diſpoſed of by the Right Honourable the Lords Juſtices, whoſe Orders you are from time to time to follow, and march as they ſhall direct. *Given at the Camp by* Loghrea, *this 16th. of* July, *1691.*

To Coll. *John Michelburne*, or the Officer in Chief of the Regiment of Foot under his Command.

Bar de Ginkell.

Geo. Clarke.

Mr. Davis's *Letter to Coll.* Michelburne, *giving a Relation of that Victory againſt the Enemy.*

Dublin-Caſtle, the 15th. of July, *1691.*

SIR,

THis Morning by an Expreſs we have an Account of a very great Victory gained over the Enemy, the particulars whereof, are as followeth.

About ſix of the Clock on *Sunday* in the Evening, the Battel began at a place call'd *Aghrim* in the County of *Gallway*, about three Miles beyond *Bellenaſlow*, the Enemy were advantagiouſly poſted, incompaſſed almoſt round with Bogs, by which means many were ſaved, who otherwiſe had gone with the reſt, if our Horſe could have come in time enough to ſecond our Foot.

The Battel was chiefly (by reaſon of the Bogs) betwee the Foot on both ſides, whereof its believed the Enemy have loſt 5 or 6000. on our ſide the loſs is between 500 and 1000.

The Battel laſted about 3 hours, and had not the Night overtaken us, in all probability the Slaughter had been much greater, we perſued the Enemy 5 Miles on their ſide, it's ſaid, their General St. *Ruth* is killed, who Speech't them greatly in the Morning, Animating them to Fight, as did the Prieſts the Common Soldiers, who alſo gave them Abſolution. We took all their Baggage, and 9 pieces of Cannon, Lord *Gallway*, the Lord of *Clanrickards* Brother to Colk *Bourke*, and ſeveral others of Quality killed.

Maj. Gen. *Hamilton*, Maj. Gen. *Darrington*, Lord *Bellew*, Coll. *Bourke*, Coll. *Gorden O Neale*, Coll. *Butler*, taken Priſoners.

On our ſide Maj. Gen. *Holſtaple*, Coll *Harbert*, Coll. *Mongath of the Danes*, Maj. *Deaniſh*, Maj. *Coll*, Maj. *Cornwel*, and Maj. *Fox*, Kill'd.

Sir *George Hamilton*, the Prince *Heſſe*, Lord *Cutts*, Coll. *Earle*, and Lieut. Coll. *Brundal* Wounded

I ſent you this by Command of the Lords Juſtices, who doubt not you will improve every Opportunity for Their Majeſties Service. I am

S I R,

Your very Humble Servant,

John Davis.

In ſhort, it is a Total Defeat of the Enemy.

Here followeth a Letter from the Lords Juſtices to Coll. *Michelburne*, in Anſwer of one to their Lordſhips, (*viz.*)

Dublin Caſtle, the 21th. of *July*, 1691.

S I R,

WE have this day received yours of the 13*th.* with the Inclo[ſed], from Sir *Teague O Regan*, and Coll. *Scott*, For Anſwer, we leave it to you to make the Exchange propoſed of the Lieutenant who is Priſoner at *Londonderry*, by them deſired for the ten Dragoons, and you may direct your Order as you ſee cauſe, to the Officer Commanding at *Londonderry*, and the Magiſtrate of that place to ſend the Lieutenant to you accordingly.

If you find any who are willing to come into protection, and will bring in Stocks of Cattle with them, I do hereby Impower you to receive them, and to aſſure them of the protection of the Government, they taking the Oath of Fidelity and Allegiance, and behaving themſelves as becometh good Subjects.

We are glad to find Sir *Teague O Regan* ſowell inclin'd as to ſend away the *Proteſtants* in ſafety out of the Enemies Quarters, and doubt not your Care in all things that may conduce to Their Majeſties Service, deſiring to hear conſtantly from you, as there is any the leaſt occaſion. We are

Your very Humble Servants,

Charles Porter,

Tho. Coningsby.

For Coll. *John Michelburne* at *Ballyſhannon*, in the County of *Duingal*.

To be ſent by the Poſt-Maſter by Expreſs of *Eneskillen*, from *Eneskillen*.

John Davis.

I had almoſt ommited a material Paſſage which was, when Coll. *Michelburne* ſent to give Orders for Lieut. Coll. *Ramſey*, Governour of *Eneskillen*, to joyn him with a 100 Firelocks; on their March to *Manner-Hamilton*, an Expreſs met them from the Coll. acquainting them that he could not poſſible joyn them, and ſo ordered them to return back; but thoſe of Coll. *Ramſey*'s being a good Party, and with them a conſiderable number of Militia, which were never wanting on ſuch an occaſion to hunt for Prey, proſecuted their Journey to *Killkenny*, and entring into *Terrerah*, a Barony joyning to *Killkenny*, they brought off a conſiderable Booty of Cattle, Horſes, and Sheep; in the meantime the Garriſon of *Sligoe* was alarm'd, Sir *Teague* and Coll. *Scot* being adverniſed of the number of the Soldiers, as alſo the Militia that was with them, laid wait for them with 500 Foot; Coll. *Michelbourne* being fearful, leaſt the Garriſon of *Sligoe* ſhould ſally out, and fall on them at unawares, ſends a Detachment of about 200 Horſe and Dragoons, under the Command of Sir *Francis Hamilton*, to joyn the former Party; by whoſe vigilant Travelling all Night, they luckily fell in when the *Eniskillen* Party, and Sir *Teague O Regan* were engag'd; at the appearance of Sir *Francis Hamilton*, both Parties deſiſted, and ſtood in a maze; and that at the ſame time, when the *Eniskilleners* were in a likelihood to have been totally loſt; for that Coll. *Scot* was juſt come up with his Regiment to joyn Sir *Teague*; but

but it was not long, till one might judge on whose side the Victory would fall, for the whole Party of the *Irish* fled, and our Militia after them for above four Miles; but Sir *Teague* was the foremost Man, and just at the Entrance of the Town of *Sligoe*, a Serjeant of the Dragoons seized on one *Matholland*, the Store-Keeper of *Sligoe*, who was with Sir *Teague*, and not half a Pistol shot from him; but the Honourable Sir *Teague O Regan*, Governour of the Town and County of *Sligoe*, won the Race: This *Matholland* that was taken Prisoner by the Serjeant, told him, Who do you think that Crook'd-back Fellow was who rid before? The Serjeant reply'd, he believed him to be his Servant: The *Devil* take me, quoth *Matholland*, but he was Sir *Teague O Regan*; By my Soul, quoth the Serjeant, 'tis 20 Guineas out of my way; for I am sure the General would have rewarded me very well. Sir *Teague* swore, that if they ever catch'd Sir *Teague* so fat again, he would agree to be crack'd as a Hog cracks a Potato. At this time, by the earnest pursuit after the Enemy, one Lieut. *Patrick Moore*, formerly a Lieut. in *Derry*, during the time of the Siege, pursuing the Enemy into the Town, apprehending still he was among his own Men, cry'd out for King *William*'s Boys, and the Honour of *London-Derry*; the poor Man was mistaken, and knock'd down by the Enemy; but accidentally one of the Towns Men knew him, and had him before Sir *Teague*. Sir *Teague* ask'd him his Name; quoth the Lieut. my Name is *Patrick Moore*: Then Sir *Teague* enquired what he was; He told him he was a Servant in *Derry*; and enquiring after all things, he ask'd him who was Governour in *Derry*: He told him Coll. *Michelburne*; to whom he expres'd great kindness, and allow'd him good Quarter; which civility afterwards was Requited by Coll. *Michelburne*. But to pursue our Discourse, from the Enemy we took 16 Prisoners, which were brought by Guard to *Ballyshannon*. Sir *Teague* was not long before he heard who had his Prisoners, and sent this following Letter to Sir *Francis Hamilton*.

Sligoe,

Sligoe, the 24th *of* July.

SIR,

UPon the laſt Exchange between us and Coll. *Michelburne*, that now Commands at *Ballyſhannon*, we writ to have certain Perſons, that we thought they had Priſoners there, ſent us, they being as we computed in Arrear to us upon the Exchanges. Whereupon we had a civil Letter from Coll. *Michelburne*, importing that he would ſend them if he had them: This Letter I cannot find to ſend you, but upon my Honour it was to this purpoſe; which ſhews that there is a fair Coreſpondence between us and our Enemy on this ſide, as may be in ſuch Caſes expected, other than which I never ſaw practiſed, nor am acquainted with between Perſons of Honour, though of different ſides; you have now one Enſign *Rourke*, Priſoner, together with ſome Inhabitants of this Town and Country I commended, and partly forced, and particularly one *French*, that is an Inhabitant of this Town, and his Wife, and ten Children: We have one Lieutenant *Patrick Moore*, of that Party, Priſoner here; if you will return the ſaid Enſign *Rourke*, and the ſaid other Priſoners of this Town and Country, that were no way concern'd in our Army, I will ſend you thither, or to any Frontier Garriſon, any of them that you will name, and will compleat the Exchange in what ſhall be found wanting, as occaſion will offer; the ſaid *Moore* had a Letter of Credit about him from one *Alexander Lecky*, an Alderman in *Derry*, for Twenty or Thirty pounds, which names this Perſon, a Lieutenant; whither he be ſo or not, the Exchange ſhall be performed upon your Complyance with

SIR,

Your Humble Servant,

Teague O Regan.

To Sir *Francis Hamilton*, Barron. Capt. *Montgomery*, or any other Perſon, commanding in Chief a Party of the Enemy in this Country.

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A Copy of a Letter of Sir Teague O Regan's, *to ſome of the Gentlemen in the County of* Sligoe, *Intercepted.*

Sligoe, July 15th. 1691.

Gentlemen,

THO' we have Proviſions coming by Water from *Gallway*, yet the uncertainty that way makes our General Order me, without loſs of time, to ſend Horſes for ſome, wherein, on your Allegiance to K. *James*, I require your ſpeedy Compliance; and *Gentlemen*, I pray let no Self-intereſt, Baſe Conſternation, or other Imbecility, make you neglect your Diligence and Care herein; if you do, I ſhall not only Repreſent you accordingly, but in ſpite of Fate will make you the firſt Sufferers, of ſo Fatal a Neglect: An Officer and Guard will expect 60 Horſes, and Sacks, and Leaders, at *Temple-Houſe* on *Sunday* next at Eight of the Clock in the Morning, from the Barrony of *Lyney*. I remain,

Gentlemen,

I deſire the Cattle of your Barrony out of hand. *Your Humble Servant*,

To *Kean O Harra*, Eſq;
Mr. *Ecgeboy O Harra*. Teague O Regan.
Mr. *Om. O Harra*.
Mitchel O Harra; and the reſt of the Gentlemen of the Barrony of *Leyney*. *Haſt.*

Coll. *Mitchelburne* is again contriving to make a ſecond Journey to *Sligoe*, and ſince Coll. *Venner*'s Regiment was Marcht away, and he ſeven Garriſons to keep, did not know well how to bring it about, but ſends to Lieut. Coll. *Staught*. his then Lieut. Co l. to ſend Maj. *Hamilton* to joyn him with 100 Firelocks on a certain day at *Manner Hamilton*, and in the mean time ſends the following Letter to Sir *Teague O Regan* by his Drummer, with a Preſent of ſome good Snuff, and two Bottles of *Uſquebaugh*. *Ballyſhannon*

Ballyshannon, the 26th. of *July*, 1691.

SIR,

YOU must needs be very sensible of your own Weakness, by the News you have of your Army being totally beaten, how that they are not able to stand before us; so pray seriously consider it; I presume you have not as yet seen the Lords Justices Proclamation, which I inclosed send you: you have an opportunity to do your self and your Friends a kindness if you do but lay hold of this Opportunity in Treating with me as to the Surrender of *Sligoe*. I am

SIR,

I thank you for your Present of the Cask of Claret you sent me; be pleased to accept of a Bottle of *Usquebaugh*, and some good *London* Snuff.

Your Humble Servant,
John Michelburne.

Sir Teague O Regan's *Answer, to Collonel* Michelburne's *First Summons.*

Sligoe, 28. *July*, 1691.

SIR,

I Had yours by the Drummer the last Night, and do render you Thanks for all your Civilities to me; yet I am sorry you would harbour so ill and Weak an Opinion of me, to think that I should be so great a Villain, as to betray my Trust to my King and Countrey, and that in a time when I am very sensible, that the Party I took is in the most likelihood of doing well, as ever they were since this War began: As to the *Proclamation* it may take with such as want *Wit* and *Honesty*, but never with me; neither do I know any *particular* thing wherein the Weakness of your Cause appears more than by the *Proclamation*, which you will find, if you do without *partiality* read it. If you will be pleased to send me Mr. *Mattholland*, and the rest of the Prisoners which were *lately* taken by some of your *People*; I will upon any such Occasion do the like, where I have Prisoners from you: If you think it much that all should come, I hope you

will send *John Duaney* of *Coll. Scott's* Regiment, and the two Soldiers of *Coll. Vernon O Rourks* Regiment. I am

SIR,

Coll. Scott, and his Brother, give their Humble Service. *Your most Humble Servant*, Teague O Regan.

The ſame Day the *Coll.* received an Expreſs from *General Ginkell*, much to the ſame effect as he had ſent to Sir *Teague O Regan* the Day before, ſo that he had no more in Anſwer to the *General*, than to ſend the above Letter of Sir *Teague's*, which he immediately diſpatch'd away by the ſame Expreſs.

The General's Letter.

Camp before Gallway, 25*th.* July, 1691.

SIR,

I Am to own the Receipt of three of your Letters, and am Obliged to you for the Diligence, I find by yours of the 20th. you uſed in diſpatching the Proviſion Ships; they are not yet come hither; as for the Diſpute about the Command of *Eneſkillin*, now the *Lieut. Coll.* is removed, it is at an end; but if he had not I ſhould have been very willing to have Gratified you in what you deſired.

I inclosed, ſend you one of the *Proclamations of Pardon*, to thoſe that do the Service mention'd in it; you may from me aſſure Sir *Teague O Regan*, that though the time may be expired, that is there limited, yet if he Surrenders *Sligo* I'le make it good to him and the Garriſon; and if he will ſubmit and take Service, either an Employ equal to what he has, or ſuch recompence, as in reaſon he can deſire. I am

SIR,

To *Coll. Michelburne.* *Your moſt Humble Servant*, Bar de Ginkell.

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The *Coll.* The ſame Day received a Letter from *Counſellor Davis*, Secretary to the Right Honourable the Lords Juſtices, (*viz.*)

Dublin-Caſtle, 25th. *July*, 1691.

SIR,

I Herewith ſend you a particular Account of the late great Victory obtained againſt the *Iriſh*, and have this only to add, That the *General* being ſet down before *Galway*, ſends word the 22*d.* that the Fort being Stormed, and Taken on the 20th. in the Moruing, the Town ſent out in the Afternoon to treat, and have agreed to Surrender on *Sunday* Morning next at Six of the Clock, and that immediately the Out-works were delivered into our Poſſeſſion, and all their Cannon drawn from their Walls, and 5 Hoſtages delivered: The *General* deſigns next to *Lymerick*, and we have ſome reaſon to believe that place will ſoon Capitulate likewiſe. Of this I thought it convenient to give you an Account, and to aſſure you that I am

SIR,

Your very Humble Servant,

John Davis.

For Coll. *John Michelburne*, Governor of *Ballyſhannon*.
To be ſent him by the Poſt-Maſter of *Enniskillen* from *Enniskillen*.

John Davis.

Since we are Concerned with the Militia of the Northern Parts, 'tis not amiſs to give you an Account, that for the better ordering of the Militia, there were three Superiors ordered to inſpect them, *Coll. Murray*, Maj. *Touchburne*, and Cornet *Mead*. *Coll. Murray* had undertaken with the Lords Juſtices to enter into *Connaught* with a conſiderable Body of Men, and not to leſſen the Militia to incommode the Rebels, and 'twas generally diſcours'd, that the Body of his Men were to conſiſt of 5000 Horſe and Foot, but how that could have been accompliſht cannot well be underſtood; for when all the Militia of the Countrey was ſummon'd by the Lords Juſtices Orders to joyn *Coll. Michel-*

burne at *Ballyſhannon*, and then to joyn the Lord *Granard* likewiſe, they could not make 500; but we had two ſorts of Services, that of defending the Frontiers, and that of getting Prey; for wherever a deſign was for Plunder there you had twenty for one. It was therefore thought not convenient for *Coll. Murray* to enter into *Connaught*, but to joyn his Militia on the Frontiers, as by a Letter from *Coll. Murray* to the Governour of *Ballyſhannon*.

Collonel Murray's *Order from the General, The General's Orders to me.*

IT being now found convenient for their Majeſties Service, that I enter not with the Militia under my Command into the Province of *Connaught*, notwithſtanding any former Reſolution, I am thereby directed to poſt them on the Borders of the Province, which Inſtructions I will purſue with all Expedition. I think it fit to give you an Account of this my Inſtructions.

We have raiſed all the Militia of the North, except the County of *Ardmagh* and *Manhoghan*, which Maj. *Touchburne*, and Collonel *Mead* are now viewing.

Upon an Expreſs from the General, we are returned out of the County of *Down*, and with all Expedition will march what of the Militia is Armed. What is not Armed we have written to the Government about, and expect they will furniſh them.

Cumber, July 11*th*, 1691. *Your Humble Servant*,

For Their Majeſties Special Service. Adam Murray.

To *Coll. John Michelburne*, at *Ballyſhannon*.

Coll. Michelburne writes to *Coll. Murray*, to haſten his Militia; giving him an Account of his Deſign againſt *Sligoe*, and that if *Coll. Murray* March't to the Frontier, he could Advance with a greater Force againſt *Sligoe*.

Coll.

Collonel Michelburne expected Day after Day to hear of *Coll. Murray's* Militia, but never heard from them or him: After he calls a Court-Martial the 17th. of *July*, 1691.

At a General Court-Martial, held at Ballyshannon, *this 17th. of* July, 1691.

WE the under-named Persons, do think it necessary for Their Majesties Service (considering how the Juncture of Affairs stands, and the late Victory, (by the Blessing of God Almighty gained over the Enemy) to Assemble a convenient number of Troops and Companies to meet on the 21*th.* Instant, to make an Incursion on *Connaught*, particularly the County of *Sligoe*, by which means we may discover the further designs of the Enemy in those parts, as also to Summons the Garrison of *Sligoe* to a Surrender; and this we all agree to be most necessary for Their Majesties Service.

John Michelburne	*Francis Hamilton*
Patrick Hamilton	*Hugh Caldwell*
William Vaughan	*Edward Nesbit*
Benjamin Touchburne	*Francis Boyd*
Josias Campbell	*Stephen Miller*
Tristram Swetnam	*Richard Bickerstaffe*
Alexander Knox	*William Stewart*
Dalway Clemens	*William Sampson*
Thomas Ash	*John Hamilton.*
William Wray	

This was the Result of the *Court-Martial*; and though all were sworn to Secrecy, yet by the Indiscretion, or Treachery of some of the Members of it, it was in two hours time publick throughout the Countrey, which made the Coll. resolve to call no more *Court-Martials*, but gave Orders that all should be ready

ready at an hours warning; but he was in the mean time nightly ſolicited by Captain *Forward*, and Captain *Vaughan*, and *Nicholſon* (whoſe Expectations and Deſires were more filled with Prey, than any thing elſe;) to diſcloſe the time, we ſhould march. He had ordered Lieut. Coll. *Ramſey* from *Eniskillin*, to joyn him with one Hundred Firelocks at *Manner Hamilton*; alſo two Companies of Collonel *Venner*'s Regiment, which lay at the Barr Mouth of *Ballyſhannon*: but they as well as Lieutenant-Collonel *Ramſey*, receiving Orders to march to their own Regiments at *Drogheda*, he was forced to defer it a day or two, till he could ſend to *Eniskillin* and *Belturbit* for a Detachment of his own Regiment, to meet them. On *Thurſday* the 28th. of *July*, about three in the Afternnon he began his March to *Belleike*, 3 Miles from *Ballyſhannon*; from whence having viewed all the Men, about five he march'd towards *Manner Hamilton*, where we arrived by two in the Morning, being 11 Miles of bad Road; from hence, about ſix on *Fryday* we march'd towards *Killowny*, where we Encamp'd; where on the Road our Militia perceiving ſome Cows and Horſes, to the number of ſixty, ſeveral of them broke confuſedly out of their ranks, but were ſoon fore'd back to their Poſt by Coll. *Michelburne*'s Order. It was here firſt their Robbing and Stripping began, they conſider'd his Buſineſs not as it was, but as if he had only deſign'd for a Prey. This Evening, as ſoon as we had encamped, Coll. *Michelburne* rid out, accompanied with Sir *Francis Hamilton*, &c. to *Ballyſadare-Bridge*, two Miles from the Camp, to diſcover the Enemy with 100 Horſe; and after our Guards were ſet in the moſt advantageous places, our Men being ſo well ſtored with Mutton, that they neglected Beef, we march'd the next Morning early towards *Sligoe*, being 6 Miles; about 11 we came thither. At our firſt approach, the Enemy having diſcharged above 15 ſhot, about 17 Pounders; the Coll. beat a Parly, and ſent a Drum with a Letter to Sir *Teague O Regan*, Governour.

The

The Forces under the Command of Collonel Michelburne, *that march'd againſt* Sligoe *the ſecond time.*

Of his own Regiment 300.
Two Troops of Dragoons of the ſtanding Army.
Militia, commanded by Sir *Francis Hamilton*, Horſe.
Capt. *Charles Hamilton* of *Cavan*.
Capt. *William Stewart*.
Capt. *John Forward*.
Capt. *Vaughan*.
Capt. *William Wray*.
Capt *William Simpſon*.
Capt. *John Hamilton*.
Capt. *Henry Hillwell*.
Capt. *Nicholſon*, High Sheriff of *Sligoe*.
Capt. *Henderſon*.
Capt. *Henry Hart*.
Of Militia Foot.
Capt. *Patrick Hamilton*.
Capt. *Thomas Aſh*.

Collonel Michelburn's *Letter, ſent in by the* Drummer; *the Contents of which is as followeth.*

From the Camp before Sligoe, Aug. 19*th*. 1691.

SIR,

I Wrote to you laſt Week concerning the Surrender of *Sligoe*, but ſince I receiv'd an Expreſs from the General, which I have ſent you to peruſe; you may ſee what fair Terms are propoſed both to Officers and Soldiers. I preſume you are not ignorant of the Surrender of *Gallway*, and the great advantage they have received by an early Complying with Their Majeſties Proclamation, and what further they in Reaſon deſired. I come now with Authority from Their Majeſties and the General, to offer you what reaſonable Conditions you deſire, as well for Officers as Soldiers, hoping you will Commiſerate the ſad and deplorable Condition the Country lyes under, which muſt conſequently ſink into Ruin without your ſpeedy Complyance; I have taken all poſſible care to preſerve the poor Inhabitants, by giving Protections, or otherways; and my Buſineſs is not to plunder and prey, to the ruin of the Country, as ſome from *Eniskillin* and *Bellurbit*, have not long ago done; but for the Preſer-

Preſervation and Safeguard of it; we allow you may keep your Fort, till ſuch time as ſome Cannon and Mortars may be brought againſt it, and then it may be for Two or Three days, and no more; for if *Gallway* and *Athlone* could not hold out, we may judge by your Reſiſtance, that you deſign the Deſolation of your Country; your own Force cannot defend you long, and your Army is entirely defeated: Therefore ſeriouſly conſider, if you abuſe not the Grace that is offered to you, what advantages may accrue, as well to your ſelf, your Officers and Soldiers, as to the Country, and Inhabitants thereof? In this I have done my duty, and deſire to know your Reſolution, that I may make a report of it to the General, which is all at preſent from,

SIR,

To Sir *Teague O'Regan*, Govern. of *Sligoe* Fort.

Your Humble Servant,
John Michelburne.

Sligoe, Auguſt 11*th*, 1691.

The Coll. received an Anſwer in theſe words.

I Have received yours of this days date, and whether *Gallway* be ſurrendred or not, my Complyance to your deſire would be a Breach of the Truſt repoſed in me; but this I offer, which is as much as can be reaſonably expected of me, and more than which I will not do; if you will allow a free paſſage to one from me with an Authentick Paſs backward and forward; I will diſpatch him to his Grace the Duke *Tyrconnell*, and on his return I will finally reſolve you, or your General. You may ſee my Letters to his Grace: This hath been allowed the People of *Gallway*, whoſe Surrendering you would ſo fain have a Preſident for me; but you muſt give me leave at this time of day to look about me before I take ſuch Examples, which induces

induces me to make this reasonable Offer: I am as much for the Preservation of the Country, of which you write to me as you are; so tender as any Man. I am

SIR,

Your Humble Servant,

To Collonel *Michelburne.*

Teague O Regan.

At the same time the *Collonel* received the following Letter from *Coll. Scott.*

SIR,

I Had yours by the Drummer, and do render you thanks for your good will, though the Prisoners are not come. Your Army did not make one shot of Cannon against *Gallway*, till *Sunday* last; and have fired at it on *Thursday* last, so that I am satisfied it was not surrendred, then I have as much reason to be for the preservation of this poor Countrey, as most Men have; yet I hope you will allow us to have your good Esteem, by not complying with your Demands, being a thing much against our Honour and Interest; but as to my complying with what Sir *Teague* desires in his Letter, an Absolute Answer may be expected at the return of such a Letter: I am very willing to wait on you, with two Officers along with me, on the top of *Nocknagany*. I suppose I shall meet with the same number, when you send me word by the same Drummer. I am

SIR,

Your most humble Servant,

Edward Scott.

Theſe Letters paſſing between the *Coll.* and Garriſon, and the aforeſaid meeting agreed to, of *Coll. Scott*, *Coll. Iernon O Rourke*, and Lieut. Coll. *O Rourke* of their ſide; of ours *Coll. Michelburne*, Sir *Francis Hamilton*, Lieut. of the County of *Dunigall*, and Capt. *Hugh Caldwell*, where we had a Conſultation for near an hour, it being concluded to, that Sir *Teague*'s deſire ſhould be granted to ſend away a Meſſenger with Letters to the Duke of *Tyrconnel*, whoſe Approbation was to be taken therein, but conditionally to be firſt viewed by the General, About 6 that Evening we drew off from the Town, at which time the Coll. was told, that ſome Troops of the Militia had deſerted their Poſts, and were gone a plundering: On inquiry, he was further inform'd, they were thoſe Commanded by Capt. *Henderſon*, and that Capt. *Forward* and *Vaughan* were miſſing: Now conſidering the number of Men the Coll. had with him, and that he ſhould ſoon want Proviſions, being wholly unprovided, when we came out, he Detached Eight Men out of each Troop, under the Command of Capt. *Anthony Shamborge*, Capt. of Granadeers, to follow the Troops which had left their Poſts without Orders, and to bring in ſome Cattle for ſubſiſtance to the Men, but inſtead of theſe half the Militia ſtole away, ſo that that Night when we were marcht back to *Killowny*, and incampt there, it was as much as the two Troops of the ſtanding Army could do to keep the few that were left of the Militia together: Next Morning they continuing to break off at all ſides, the Collonel ſoon found that it was in vain for him longer to depend on any but his own Foot, and theſe two Troops of Dragoons, if any thing ſhould happen, we being already in a manner left alone. About two hours after, the Collonel had an Account of two Troops, one Commanded by Capt. *Vaughan*, and another by *Henderſon*; that with a Prey of about 100 Cows, and 2 or 300 Sheep, with ſome Horſes, were marching intire with the Prey to their own home; on which, he ſent about 30 Foot, who over took them about 3 Miles from *Killowny*, but they would not be ſtopt till the Coll. was forc'd to ſend a ſtronger Party, who brought the Prey into our Camp: Our Men were well ſtored with Proviſions, by which means the Coll. ſecur'd two Troops of the

the Militia, which you ſee had quite left him. Captain *Shamborge* with his Party, returned this day with about 7 or 800 Cows; but the day being *Sunday*, proving very wet, we continued there that Night. He reſolved to give the General an Account in what manner he proſecuted his Deſign in going to *Sligoe* the ſecoud time, Major *Hamilton*, as I told you before, having Orders from Coll. *Michelburne* to detach 100 Firelocks from the Garriſon of *Bellurbitt*, *Eniskillin*, *Cavan*, &c. out of his own Regiment to Re-inforce the 200 he brought with him from *Ballyſhannon*; and Two Troops of Dragoons: Theſe 300 Men, with the Militia, appearing before *Sligoe* the 1*ſt*. of *Auguſt*, 1691. was an extraordinary Incouragement to the Coll. to Attack them the ſecond time; it was agreed upon the Night before, that a Lieut. from Coll. *Michelburne*, and one from the Garriſon ſhould depart immediately to the General with theſe Letters from Sir *Teague*, the Coll. ſending this following Letter to the General.

SIR,

IN my laſt to your Excellency, I gave you an Account, that on *Fryday* I intended to march towards *Sligoe*; but the more to Expedite your Commands, I march'd on *Thurſday* Night, and next day came before the Town by Eleven a Clock, being upwards of 30 Miles, and the way we march'd at my firſt Approach, I ſent to Sir *Teague* your Excellencies Propoſals, but I find they ſtill continue their unbelief of the Surrender of *Gallway*, and tell me of a poſſibility of their Army going to *Dublin*, of Five Regiments, ſent to Re-enforce *Gallway* from *Lymerick* by Sea, and of a ſignal Victory, gained by the *French* over the Confederates in *Flanders*. However Sir *Teague* has made it his Requeſt to have free paſſage to ſend to *Lymerick*, there to underſtand the certainty of their Condition, and to give your Excellency a final Anſwer. I humbly deſire that a Diſpatch may be made with all Expedition, leſt they make an Advantage of the coming Harveſt, for I underſtand they begin already to want Bread,

and that they have but a ſmall quantity of Powder; I reſolve to go back to morrow Morning, and will refreſh my Men for Three or Four days, in which time I will furniſh my ſelf with Spades and Pick-Axes, and block them up until they comply with what is expected, if this may be done with your Excellency's Approbation. I am,

SIR,

Your Excellency's moſt Faithful

and Obedient Servant.

John Michelburne.

The Major, as I told you before, joyned the Coll. with a Hundred Firelocks, ſo that they were now about Three Hundred Foot who marched back to *Sligoe* together with the Militia, bringing all the Prey along with them; for he concluded, no Prey, no Militia; we having arrived there about 10, the Coll. divided his whole Party in two Bodies, about Four Hundred Men in each, the one he Ranged on the top of a Hill, with which he deſigned to paſs the River at Ebb-water: In the mean time he block'd up the Weſt part of the Town, with the other Four Hundred Men; and having viewed well the Ground, he poſted them on ſuch places as he thought moſt proper. He could at the ſame time have entred the Town, but apprehending the ill Conſequences that might have happen'd, if the Soldiers had taken to plunder, which undoubtedly they would, he gave Orders on pain of Death, not one to enter the Town. As ſoon as he ſaw his Men thus poſted, he left the Command of that ſide of the Town with Major *John Hamilton*, and then haſted to that Party that was to take the River, which they eaſily paſſed, without any great Reſiſtance, though ſeveral Shots were made at them from the Fort; every Horſe-man took

took a Foot-man behind him; the Coll. gave Orders immediately to draw up the Men, and march'd towards the Town, where on the *Eaſt* ſide we perceived the Enemy to form into a Body; we drew up our Men within Cannon ſhot of the Town, on the left of a ſtrong *Daviſh* Fort, where we encamped that Night. The Coll. conſidering the great want of Ammunition; for at this time we had left but ſix Charges, immediately diſpatch'd an Officer with ſix Dragoons to *Ballyſhannon*, Twenty Miles from *Sligoe*, forbearing to Fire on both ſides the Town as little as we could that Night; and having block'd them up cloſely on both ſides the Town, we expected to hear from them, for we were not in a Condition to Attack them on either ſide, they being two Regiments of Foot, and we in all but 800; but this Order was given, that if the Enemy ſhould Attack us from the *Eaſt* ſide, thoſe of the other ſide to fall on; and if they of the other ſide were Attack'd, we were to do the ſame.

The Coll. the ſame time being the *4th.* of this Inſtant received this following Letter from Mr. *Davis*, the Secretary, by Order of the Lords Juſtices, as followeth.

Dublin-Caſtle, Auguſt *the* 1ſt. 1691.

SIR,

THE Lords Juſtices command me to acquaint you, that they receiv'd Yours of the *13th.* and another from Major *Ramſey* of the *28th*, and are very well ſatisfied with the Account you both have given of the Buſineſs of *Sligoe*, and glad of the good Succeſs you had there; but the General having now taken other Methods concerning that place, you are not to make any further Attempt upon it without his Excellency, or the Lords Juſtices particular Order, which is by their Lordſhips Command, ſignified to you by,

SIR,

Your Humble Servant,

John Davis.

To Coll. *John Michelburne* at *Ballyſhannon*, to be ſent by the Poſt-Maſter of *Eniskillin*.

John Davis.

By

By the foregoing Letter, you ſee Coll. *Michelburne*, notwithſtanding ſome Inſtructions from the Lords Juſtices to do what he thought neceſſary for Their Majeſties Service; yet here is a poſitive Order both from them and the General, to make no further attempt on *Sligoe*, without their poſitive Orders, and the truth of it is, both he on this ſide, and thoſe on *Connaught* ſide, were in no extraordinary ſecure poſt, but they might have been beaten off by the Garriſon, had they been brisk, and as they ought to have been, and then conſidering the unrulineſs of the Militia, who were all their own Maſters; for no ſooner were they poſted on any poſt, either on advance Guard near the Town, or Guards on far diſtance, in an hours time they were all gone; it cannot be thought but the Militia muſt be very diſſatisfied with Coll. *Michelburne*, who as they apprehend, came out for no other deſign than to get a Prey; for when he would find fault, and tell them he expected otherwiſe, and that what great concern the gaining of that place was; they made Anſwer, they came not to Beſiege Towns, but to get Prey to ſtock their Lands. It was impoſſible to make the Militia do any thing, but the whole burthen lay on the poor Foot, and the two Troops of Dragoons ſtanding Army, for it was not two Days, but the Militia Deſerted their Poſts on *Connaught* ſide.

The Day following, *Collonel Scott* ſends out a Drummer to beat a Parly, with the following Letter.

Sligoe, Auguſt 4*th*. 1691.

SIR,

I Find by your Letter to Sir *Teague* and me the 1ſt. Inſtant that you were much concern'd for the ſad Condition of the poor People of this Countrey, which is likely to be ruin'd by both Parties, if not ſpeedily prevented; you have here a parcel of poor

poor Men, whom we keep here againſt their Wills, to be ſerviceable to our Garriſon; if you will give them your Protection for themſelves and their Cattle, they are willing to go with them to your Quarters, according to the deſire of your Government, we giving them leave: I ſent you ſuch another Letter to the other ſide, but could not be anſwered, you being on this: Pray let me have your Anſwer by this Drummer. I am

SIR,

To the Honourable
Coll. John Michelburne.

Your moſt Humble Servant,

Edward Scott.

Peruſing which Letter,

I ſent him this following Anſwer.

Camp, Auguſt the 4th. 1691.

SIR,

I Received yours, and would willingly ſerve you, if Sir *Teague* would agree to what Propoſals I made, and truly protecting your People would be a kindneſs; and if on your part you would let them enjoy their Harveſt, would be another; both which your ſurrendring may compleat, by which means our Charity will extend to all. I am

SIR,

Your Humble Servant,

John Michelburne.

I preſently

I presently after received an Answer from Sir *Teague*, in these words.

Sligoe, August 4th. 1691.

SIR,

I Have seen your Letter to *Collonel Scott*, and having considered it, I intend to call my Officers together, to resolve what proposals to take from, or make to you, in order to which I will after return of this Drummer, and your Compliance, send you *Collonel Scott*, and one other Field Officer, to know your proposals, and time to consider of them with the rest of my Officers, as you and *Coll. Scott*, and the other Officers shall agree. Mean time I am

SIR,

Your most Humble Servant,

Teague O Regan.

To the Honourable
Coll. John Michelburne.

To which I sent this following Answer.

SIR,

SIR,

HAving peruſed yours brought hither by your Drum for propoſals, the Proclamation and Generals Letter muſt be my Guide, I am willing to meet Collonel *Scott* and the other Officers where you pleaſe, and am ready to Comply with what ſhall be Honourable on both ſides. I am Sir,

To Sir Teige O Regan. *Your Moſt Humble Servant*, John Michelburne.

About this time, one Captain *Forward*, a leading Card to the reſt of the Militia, quits his Poſt at midd time of day, with his whole Troop, and moſt preſumtuouſly marches away: forces our out Guards, and while we were drawing Articles with the Garriſon, Preys, Strips, and Plunders the Country without reguard to any Protection. In the mean time the whole Militia quits their Poſts on *Connaught* ſide on their own accord, and their whole practice was to Raperee and Scamper Cows and Horſes as they call it. As well the Prey that was lately got, as alſo from the protected People: we cannot altogether excuſe the Souldiers, for ſome of them had their hands in as well as the Militia, but only they were under ſome better Command: but ſo it was that notwithſtanding the Enemies Guards, and our Guards lay within half Muſquet-ſhot one of another, yet no ſooner was the Collonels back turn'd, but he found them Roguing amongſt the Militia; and that which vext the Militia moſt, was that as faſt as the Garriſon of *Sligoe* forc'd their Cattle on our Ground, Collonel *Michelburn* forc'd them as faſt back, knowing that for no other reaſon they came to Capitulate, but for the inconvenience they were put to, by the great number of Cattle that was about the Fort. Here follows a Letter from the Lords Juſtices, which he received about the ſame time.

Dublin the 3d Aug. 1691.

SIR,

BY a Letter, which we received Yeſterday from the General, we are told, that the Gariſon of *Sligoe* are upon ſome Treaty, for his Surrendring *Sligoe* into their Majeſties hands; we having heard nothing of it from your ſelf, cannot tell what Terms he Demands, or what you have Offred, but you may aſſure him of the intire benefit of the Proclamation, and if it be neceſſary you may alſo propoſe a reaſonable reward: had we ſooner known of it, you ſhould have had earlyer Orders, for you cannot do the King greater Service, than to get that place into your poſſeſſion: Therefore conclude with him as ſoon as poſſible you can. We are

Your faithful Friend and Servant,

Cha. Porter Tho. Coningsby.

About noon, this day being the 4*th*. of *Aug*. the Governours beat a Parly, and this following was brought to Collonel *Michelburne*.

SIR, *Auguſt* 4*th* 1691.

I Had yours, and ſhewed it to Sir *Teige*, who ſaith that he anſwer'd it, wherein you made ſome propoſals for the Surrendring this place, and ſo have I anſwered you to that purpoſe, which was then put off till an Anſwer was had from our General, untill which time he can do nothing; and though I Pitty to ſee the poor people ſuffer by theſe Terms, yet to mend it I would not looſe the leaſt oppertunity of my ſerving my King, Therefore if you think their being preſerved, may be of any uſe to the Publick good, it lies on you to preſerve them,

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it being for your profit if this Country be yours, and for your Credit if it be done in Charity. If this be approved of, Acts of Hoſtility ought to Ceaſe till it be done, which requires but till to morrow Morning. I am

SIR,

To the Honourable Collonel John Michelburne.

Your Moſt Humble Servant,
Edward Scot.

Which in theſe words I Anſwer'd.

SIR, *Auguſt 4th* 1691.

I Can ſay no more than I did before, and do not find that giving you leave to ſend an Officer to *Limerick*, was any reſtraint in perſuing my deſign to block up this place, and for any Acts of Hoſtility that are between us, I think they are ſo ſmall that they are hardly worth taking notice of. I am

To Collonel Edward Scott.

SIR,

Your Moſt Humble Servant,
John Michelburne.

Thus we continued this night. Next day I received the following from Sir *Tiege.*

SIR, *Aug. 5th.*

WE are upon reduceing the Articles to four, therefore ſhall deſire that you Command your Forces on both ſides to retire to the ſeveral Poſts they were in, when we began to Treate of a Capitulation.

To Collonel John Michelburne.

Yours Regan.

Now comes up to the Camp whole droves of idle People, eſpecially the Lagganeers; and for one honeſt Man twenty Thieves, and not a man of the Militia but had two or three attenders, to run away with what Horſes or Cattle they could Raparee *or Scamper, as they call'd it.* Eſteeming all their own they laid their hands on, the Militia was now out of patience to have the prey divided, but the Collonel would not do it, for two Reaſons, firſt, was that if they divided, every one of them would go home, by which means the Enemy would take advantage; the next was that as many of the Protected as could ſhew their Protections, he cauſed their Goods to be returned. One of the Certificats I think not amiſs to mention.

WE *the under named perſons, being Proteſtants, and Inhabitants of the Barroney of* Terreragh *in the County of* Sligoe, *do Acknowledge to have received by the Order of Collonel* Michelburne, *one Hundred and Twenty Cows in full ſatisfaction of all the Horſes and Sheep taken from us, and the reſt of the Proteſtants of the ſaid Barrony and County (lately taken from us) by men under the Command of the ſaid Collonel. The 6th of* Auguſt 1691.

At the Camp before *Sligoe*
Witneſs preſent *Patrick Hamilton.*

Matthew Ormsby.	*Kath. Brown.*
Ja. Boyd.	*John Ormsby.*
Dugall Boyd.	*Matthew Ratleidge.*
John Shennan.	*Ann Griffeth.*

This was drawn by Mr. *Patrick Hamilton.* Attorney of *Killetre.*

One hundred and Sixty was delivered to ſome of the Iriſh Gentlemen that were protected, by an account given in by Captain *Caldwell*, and Captain *Boyd*, they producing Certificates, from the ſaid perſons.

To

To go on with our former Diſcourſe in the Letter from the Lords Juſtices to the Collonel, who as they tell him that he cannot do the King greater *Service* than to get that place into his poſſeſſion, and ſo orders him to conclude with them as ſoon as poſſible. This Letter, with thoſe of Sir *Teigs* and Collonel *Scotts*, conſidering the Confuſion, Diſtraction and Diſorders that were in the Camp by ungovernable people, ſuch as has to deal with the Laggan Militia, muſt needs give juſt cauſe to conclude with the Beſieged. And the next day being the *6th* of *Auguſt*, the following Articles were Signed and Sealed between Sir *Teige O Regan* of one Part, and Collonel *John Michelburne* of the other Part.

Articles of War agreed to by the Honourable Sir Teige O Regan *Knight, and the reſt of the Officers of the Garriſon of* Sligoe, *of the one Part, and the Honourable Collonel* John Michelburne, *in the behalf of himſelf, his Geueral and the reſt of his Army, of the other Part.*

1ſt. THAT *all the ſaid Garriſon,* viz. *Governours, Officers, Souldiers, Ingineers, Gunners, Gunſmiths, Bakers, Chaplains and all others that have a mind to go* Craights *or other, ſhall have their lives ſecured, and March out with their Arms, Baggs and Baggage; Drums beating, Collours flying, Match lighted, Bullets in their Mouths, each Officer and Souldier twelve Charges of Powder, with Match and Ball proportionable, and their Horſes and Cowes as well belonging to them reſpectively, as the Garriſon in general, without any Moleſtation; and at their ſeveral and reſpective Elections their Wives, Friends and Cattle to be protected in any part of the Country, as well as any other perſon whatſoever.* 2dly. *That*

2dly. *That the ſaid Garriſon may march the* Neareſt *and beſt way, at their own Elections into the Citty or Town of* Limrick, *and from thence to what place they pleaſe, and not to be compelled to march above Eight miles a Day or Nine, or to march from hence to what other place they pleaſe, at their own Elections.*

3dly. *That all Sick and Wounded Officers, Souldiers and other perſons that are not able to march at preſent may remain in the Town of* Sligoe, *till able to march, then to have a Paſs for to go where they have a mind to, and in the mean time to be ſubſiſted by the Garriſon for the time being.*

4thly. *That none of our Army ſhall enter into any of the two Forts of* Sligoe, *Except ſuch as ſhall be appointed by the ſaid Collonel* John Michelburne *to take Poſſeſſion of the ſame untill the Garriſon be Marched clear out of the Gates.*

5thly. *That the ſaid Forts ſhall be put into the poſſeſſion of ſuch Forces as the ſaid Collonel* John Michelburne *ſhall thing fit, at Eight of the Clock, the Fifteenth day of this Inſtant* Auguſt, *at which hour the ſaid Garriſon ſhall march out; the Hour before the outward Gates ſhall be delivered to ſuch Forces as the ſaid Collonel* John Michelburne *ſhall appoint, in caſe relief do not come by that time to the ſaid Garriſon: and in caſe* Galway *be ſurrendred, and not otherwiſe.*

6thly. *That the ſaid Governour and his ſaid Garriſon ſhall be allowed to Cary with them two Pieces of Cannon, with Horſes and other Conveniencies of Carrying them, together with two Luggage for each Company, and three for the Governour, with one Truckle Car for each Company, all this to be ſupplied by the ſaid Collonel* John Michelburne.

7thly.

7thly. *That all ſuch Perſons, Parties, or Companies, of the reſpective Regiments of the ſaid Gariſon, not now here, ſhall be allowed to come hither, or join the ſaid Regiments, in their ſaid March, after the ſurrender of the ſaid Gariſon.*

8thly. *That all Perſons taken Priſoners by any of our Army, or Volunteers, that any way belonged to any of the ſaid Regiments of the ſaid Gariſon, or any other Perſon, or Perſons, belonging to the ſaid Gariſon, now in reſtraint with us, ſhall be forth-with ſet at Liberty, before the ſurrender of the ſaid Gariſon, and ſafely conveyed thereunto.*

9thly. *That ſuch of the Inhabitants of the ſaid Town of* Sligoe, *as have a mind to continue there, ſhall be protected in their Bodies, Liberties, and Goods; and ſhall have free liberty to exerciſe, or uſe their ſeveral Trades and Occupations, as formerly, and the People of the Country in like manner.*

10thly. *That all the Clergy of the ſaid Town, that have a mind to ſtay, ſhall be alſo protected in their Bodies, Liberties, and Goods, and ſhall have free liberty to exerciſe their Function; and the Clergy of the County accordingly.*

11thly. *That there ſhall be a ſufficient Effort appointed and ſent with the ſaid Gariſon, to convey them to the place above-mentioned.*

12thly. *That one Officer from the ſaid Collonel* John Michelburne, *and another from the ſaid Gariſon ſhall be ſent to General* Ginkel, *who in the preſence of the ſaid two Officers, ſhall confirm all the things in theſe Preſents mentioned, and the Confirmation before the ſaid ſurrender.*

13thly. *That all, and ſingular, the above-mentioned Articles, ſhall be inviolably performed on both ſides, without any Equivocation, mental*

mental Reſervation, or Fraud whatſoever, according to the true intent and meaning thereof.

14thly. *That all Acts of Hoſtility ſhall ceaſe betwixt the ſaid Gariſon, and our Army, aſſoon as notice may be given on both ſides.*

15thly. *That the ſaid Governour and Gariſon, ſhall uſe the Town Poſture, and all other Privileges and Advantages, in the ſame, or thereabouts, in as ample and free a manner as hitherto, and that until the ſurrender aforeſaid.*

16thly. *That the ſaid Governour, Officers, and Soldiers, Gariſon, Town, and Country of* Sligoe, *ſhall have the benefit of all, and ſingular other advantagious Articles, that* Gallway, *or any other got, in caſe it was ſurrendred; in true performance of all and ſingular the Premiſſes, forth-with they do reſpectively pawn their Honours, both Parties having hereunto interchangeably put their Hands and Seals, at the Caſtle near* Sligoe, *this ſixth day of* Auguſt, *One Thouſand Six Hundred Ninety and One.*

Teige O Regan.
John Michelburne.

Camp at Nenah, Aug. 10. 1691.

I do approve of the fore-going Articles, agreed upon by Collonel *Michilburne*, and Sir *Teige O Regan*, for the ſurrender of *Sligoe*, except the laſt, which I confine to thoſe who are actually now in the ſaid Town and Gariſon, it not being my Intention to extend Their Majeſties Grace and Favour to ſuch who have done them no Service, nor made no Application to me for it.

Bar. de Ginkell.

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The Articles were now ſigned and ſealed, and ſent away with Major *Hamilton*: and Lieutenant *Scot*, Coll. *Scot*'s Brother, was commanded by the Gariſon, to ſee the General ſign, and ſeal: Likewiſe, now began a Diſcourſe of *O Donnel's* Men, commonly called *Ballderrog*, coming to relieve ——— which made Collonel *Michelburne* give ſtrict Orders for ſecuring *Balli-ſadeare-Bridge*, three Miles from the Camp, the Enemy having no other way to come to the Town: The Militia began now to be very weary of the Campaigne, and were very preſſing to have the Prey divided, thinking now there was no more to do, but to go home, ſince Articles were ſigned and ſealed. The Collonel told them, that he expected more to join, for that the Expreſſes that went to the General, would ſoon be back; and that it would be but eight Days, and the Town would be ſurrendred. The Camp was now like a Fair, Buying and Selling, Robbing and Stealing the Sheep in the Night, and killing them for their Skins. The Collonel was adviſed to divide the Prey, or elſe he would have none left; the very Officers and Soldiers that was Guard of the Cattle, ſelling them in the Night. The Collonel was for ſelling ſome of them, and ſending for Meal to make Bread, and thoſe that would not ſtay, ſhould have none: but the Officers were againſt it, as well as the Soldiers: The Collonel ordered Capt. *William Stewart*, to make a Dividend, the whole being counted, were 585.

To each of the 7 Troops Militia 25.	175.
Capt. *Caldwel*'s Troop of Dragoons	34.
Capt. *Neſbitt*'s Troop	25.
To the Detachment of 13 Companies Foot, 25 each C.	325.
Capt. *Aſh*'s Militia Foot Company	13.
Capt. *Henderſon*	12.
	585.

It being late that Night when the Cattle were divided, Capt. *Coningham*, and Capt. *Bickerſtaffe*, were ordered on the Guard, with 20 Men, being all that could be ſpared, conſidering the ſeveral Guards, and the Main Guard, kept in the Fort called *Rabaccane*: For although there was a Truce, 'till a return from the General, yet the Collonel kept almoſt as ſtrict Guards then, as before, not ſuffering any of the Enemy to come into the Camp: About an Hour or two in the Night, about two Hundred of the Militia forces the Guard that was on the Cows, and drives all away; ſtrips, plunders, and robs all before them, as well thoſe the Collonel had protected, as thoſe that belonged to the Town: In this diſtracted confuſion, the Collonel was forced to double his Guards, and had his Men at their Arms all Night. This following *Certificate* is ſigned by the Officers that were on Guard with the Cattle.

WE do Certifie, That being Commanded by our Collonel, with 20 Men, to Guard the Cattle, the Militia, being in number about 2 Hundred, did force our Guards, and drove away all the Prey of Cows, that was then under our Charge. Given under our Hand, this 9th. *Day of* Aug. 1691.

Michael Coningham.
Richard Bickerſtaffe.

Here follows a Complaint by many, of Outrages committed by Capt. *Forward*, and others of the Militia, who, we told you before, deſerted Coll. *Michelburne*, and with his whole Troop, and others joining him, to the number of 80 Horſe, plundered the whole Country.

SIR,

I Make bold to acquaint you of ſeveral Outrages committed by ſome of thoſe under your command, in this County, eſpecially by Capt. *Forward*, who without pity of the Poor, or reſpect to Their Majeſties Proclamation, took a Party with him, who plundered, ſtripp'd, and preyed all the protected Per-

Perſons they met with, either in this County, or towards *Boyle*, and took a black, cropt, pacing Gelding of mine, mark'd *I. C.* from an Officer, who at Major *Hamilton*'s requeſt, I ſent as well to ſecure him from the Raparees, as to guide him the way to *Boyle*, the Officer having much ado to eſcape himſelf, leaving him my Horſe. This is left to your ſerious conſideration, by

S I R,

To Coll. John Michelburne,
Governour at Ballyſhanan.

Your humble Servant,
James O Conner.

S I R,

I Had your Honour's Protection and Certificate, of claiming the benefit of the Lords Juſtices Proclamation, and a Certificate from *Gilbert Ormsby*, my Land-lord, in being included in his Protection from the General, and lived within the Line of *Boyle*; yet Captain *Forward*, and his Troop, has took our Beaſts, only reſtoring a few Head; and therefore I humbly proſtrate my ſelf for Juſtice, and pray the Cattle may be delivered us. I am

Your Humble Servant
Jaſper Brett.

I received another from Sir *Teige*, to the ſame purpoſe.

S I R,

I Need not reccommend to you, to ſend a ſafe Convoy along with Mr. *Brett*, to ſecure any Cattle you return him, or any thing elſe of the poor Peoples, preyed by Captain *Forward*, 'till they come on this ſide of the *Grange*; they are ſatisfied, that what is reſtored, be given to Mr. *Brett*. This is all from

To Coll. John Michelburne.

Your very humble Servant

Tiege O Regan.

We continued three days after the Militia left us, and thought when they were gone, we ſhould remain quiet and peaceably within the Town; but then, as well as before, we were continually diſturb'd in the Night, by Murthers and Out-crys, committed by ſome of the Militia, that probably had not got their proportions, or at leaſt had ſent them home, and was hunting for more: The Gariſon of *Sligoe* was alſo continually diſturb'd, as appears by the following Letters.

Collonel *Iernon O Rourk's* Letter.

S I R,

I Was unwilling to be often importuning you for my Horſes; I will only deſire you will imploy ſome one to make ſearch for them; the marks are three bob tail'd Geldings, of 14 handfuls heighth, a black Gelding of 15 handfulls. I proteſt I would not take 30 *l.* for them; though I am certain they were of no advantantage to your ſelf.

I am,

S I R,

Your moſt humble Servant

Ternon O Rourke.

Sligoe, Aug. the *7th.* 1691.

S I R,

I Am weary of troubling you with ſo many Complaints; the Bearer hereof, *Cavell O Dollane*, *Owen Mac Laughlin*, and *Torlogh Cullaine*, have loſt all their Cows, Horſes, and Baggage; they tell me that Captain *Caldwel* was there preſent. I ſend them to you, that you may be pleas'd to ſurrender their things to them, being taken in time of a Parley. I am,

S I R,

Your humble Servant

Edward Scot.

Sligoe,

Sligoe, Aug. 10. 1691.

SIR,

ACcording to the Incouragement you ſent me, by *Laughlin Githaly*, I have ſent a great number of my Followers, in order to take Protections, but it unluckily happened to them, contrary to my expectation, they were all preyed, their Protections not regarded, but it ſeems rather worſe for them to be Protected, than otherwiſe: Forty of my Followers are not left worth a Groat, the ſame Night they were Protected: Yet I am extream ſenſible, that all theſe diſorders were committed unknown to you; this Day I have ſent one of my Nurſes, in order that ſhe ſhould be returned of what ſhe, and my other Forſterers loſt, whom I hope you will receive into conſideration, and grant her Satisfaction, in her inſupportable loſs; otherways we may have juſt reaſon to deem your Protection ſuperficial; both my Forſterers loſt 70 Cows together, with ſome Horſes and Mares. I am

Your Friend and Servant

To the Hon. Coll. John Michelburne, *Gov. of* Ballyſhanan.

Ternon O Rourke.

Theſe Letters, with many more, the Collonel has to produce, intimating the ſad Diſorders and Abuſes committed by thoſe of the Militia, and others, their Aſſociates; and to ſatisfie Collonel *Scott*, who was very importuning for his Horſes, he ſends him this following Letter.

Camp before *Sligoe*, *Aug.* 10. 1691.

SIR,

I Received yours, and have uſed all my Endeavours to find your Horſes; and whoſoever ſtole them, I ſuppoſe knew how to convey them away, without keeping them in the Camp, and you, and the other Gentlemen, muſt reſt ſatisfied: but this I will promiſe you, when the Fort is ſurrendred, which is now but ſix Days to come, they ſhall have ſatisfaction in Money, ſo far as they in reaſon can expect: But as for you, and Collonel *Rourke*,

Rourke, I brought out of *England* five Geldings, two of which ſhall be at your Service, and I do promiſe you ſhall be ſatisfied for the reſt, which I ſuppoſe is ſatisfaction enough. Believe me Gentlemen, notwithſtanding I have ſent my Troops of the Militia 4 or 5 Miles off to Graſe, I can ſoon ſend for them back. I am,

Pray do me the kindneſs that the Drum may bring me ſome Paper.

Your humble Servant,
John Michelburne.

Collonel *Scott* ſends imediately this Anſwer.

SIR, Sligoe *the* 10*th of* Aug. 1691.

I Had yours juſt now, and am ſorry that you ſhould think me ſo mean that for my Horſes, I ſhould break off of what I gave my Honour, for I meant the continual oppreſſion of your Army, on the poor near out Guards, whereby both Parties might fall fowl one of another, but now the occaſion is removed by your Removal, and then you ſhall ſee that I am not the man you Mention, had I been, I know very well where I might break my Faith with advantage to my Party, but I am no ſuch man. What made me make mention of my Horſes ſo often, was, becauſe I thought 'twas eaſier for you to get the Horſes returned to me, than to pay the value of them you never ſaw. So from this hour I will ſay no more of them, but leave all to your ſelf, only to Morrow I will ſend you their number and colour: if there be any Paper in this Town, that I can come to, you ſhall have it. I am

SIR,

Your moſt humble Servant,
Edward Scott.

Lieutenant *Dunbar*, who was ſent by the Collonel; as alſo an Officer from the Garriſon, with Letters to the Lord *Tyrconnel* and Earl of *Lucan*, but to be peruſed firſt by the General; Returned back this day with a Letter from the General (*viz*).

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The Generals Letter from the Camp at Birr, *Aug. 4th,* 1691.

SIR,

I Send you back the Letters you incloſed, from the Governour of *Sligoe*, and can by no means Agree to the Meſſengers going to *Limrick* to ask my Lord *Tyrconnel*'s conſent whether he ſhall deliver up the place; this is more than I granted to *Galway*, for they abſolutely agreed to Surrender in four days, and only were permitted to let them know it.

We are not now in a Condition to court people to do themſelves a Service, for *Limrick* and *Sligoe* are the only places that are not under their Majeſties Obedience; if the place be forth-with deliver'd up into your hands I will ſtill make good the Conditions I promiſed to Sir *Teige*, if not he muſt take what follows, for it will be too late to expect favour. I am,

SIR,

Your moſt humble Servant,
Bar de Ginkel.

To Collonel Michelburne
at Ballyſhanan.

Collonel Michelburns *Letter to Sir* Teige, *on the Receipt of the Generals Letter.*

SIR,

BY the Incloſed Letter from the General you may ſee his poſitive Demand of the Fort, and his performing the Conditions he promiſed you formerly, which was the ſame Imployment conſer'd on you, you now have; as alſo what other ſatisfaction you would in reaſon deſire. Your Original Letter I will ſend you to peruſe if you deſire it, but I do not queſtion but you took a Copy of it, on your firſt Treaty. Your Anſwer to this. I am,

SIR,

Your humble Servant
John Michelburne.

Sir.

Sir *Teige*'s Anſwer. *Sligoe Aug.* the 10. 1691.

S I R,

I Had yours of the *9th* Inſtant, together with the Generals Letter incloſed for his poſitive demand and promiſe to perform the condition he offered: I know of none he offered other than in General tearms, ſince which time you and I came to particulars. Whereof you have a part and I another, which was tranſmitted to him to be confirmed, of which we expect ſoon a return, ſo that what you have under my Hand and Seal already is anſwer enough from,

S I R

Your Moſt Humble Servant,
Teige O Regan.

Collonel Scotts Letter. *Sligoe* the 10*th* of *Aug.* 1691.

S I R,

I Had yours, and that I might diſpatch your Drum the ſooner I writ on the back of your Letter, and do therein ſend the Generals Letter. I am ſorry you ſhould think me or any of us here ſo Madd or Cowardly, as to ſurrender ſuch a place as this with ſuch precipitation. I will always do what an honeſt man ought to do, no perſuaſion will make me do otherways, when your Major and my Brother comes back I will willingly meet you half way, in the mean time pray be pleaſed to Order the Releaſement of the Prieſts at *Ballyſhanan.* I ſend you the Number Colour and Marks of my Horſes; I will aſſure you that I had rather have them than ſixty Pounds, if you find that I ought to get them. I leave them to your ſelf, who am,

S I R,

Your moſt humble Servant,
Edward Scott.

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In this Affair you may ſee how the Militia behaved themſelves, for of Twelve Troops of Dragoons and two Companies of Foot, all forſook us but Sir *Francis Hamilton*, *Charles Hamilton*, Captain *William Stuart*, and Capt. *John Hamilton*; and all of the private Men, unleſs as many as ſerved for a Guard for thoſe Gentlemen. And if Sir *Francis Hamilton* and the other Gentlemen could not influence them to ſtay, it was impoſſible Collonel *Michelburne* ſhould, that was a ſtranger amongſt them. This Diſcourſe has been the more tedious, by reaſon ſome malicious people of the Militia, to cover their own guilt, have endeavoured to Aſperſe and Villifie the Collonel, by ſeveral falſe Informations given in againſt him to the Government.

This day being the 10*th* of *Auguſt*, Col. *Michelburne* drew off his Detachment on *Connaught* ſide of *Sligoe*: (Occaſion'd by *Ballderrog O Donnel*'s Advance to relieve the Town) and joyn'd them with thoſe of *Ballyſhanan* ſide, and call'd his Officers together where was conſidred,

The ſtrength of *O Donnel*'s Party, which was computed to be 3000 well Armed men, as alſo the Garriſon conſiſting of near 1000.

Of our ſide, conſidering the 12 Troops of Dragoons and two Foot Companys of the Militia that left us, we were in no way able to make a defence, meeting with ſo much diſincouragement; and that we were but a handful in compariſon of the Enemy. The ſtrength we had then not exceeding four Hundred: 'twas agreed the next morning to march back to *Ballyſhanan*, and return with a ſtronger Body than formerly, for the Malitia would no queſtion, but be very ambitious to ſee the Surrender of the Town and Fort of *Sligoe*. So on the 10*th* Inſtant, the Collonel broke up Bamp, and that Night march to *Ballyſhanan*.

This is the end of the ſecond Expediton made againſt Sligoe.

Collonel *Michelburne* arrives at *Ballyſhanan* the 10*th* of *Aug.* at night, and ſends a way Expreſſes to all the Militia near him, to be ready on the 14*th* inſtant to joyn him, and got all things in a readineſs, as was agreed on by the Articles ſigned and Sealed between Sir *Teige* and him; he alſo ſends Expreſſes for 300 more of his own Foot, and this following Order to Major *Tichburne* and Cornt *Mead* Supervizors of the Militia in *Ulſter*.

By vertue of an Order to me Directed by the Right Honorable the Lords Juſtices, for commanding the Militia of the Province of *Ulſter*, I will and require that you march with as many Horſe and Foot as you can get together, by *Friday* the 14*th* of this Inſtant, and joyn me with the reſt of the Militia commanded by Sir *Francis Hamilton*, together with the reſt of the ſtanding Army, in order to receive the Garriſon and Forts of *Sligoe*, and to march farther into the Country as it ſhall be neceſſary for their Majeſties ſervice. They are to bring with them ſix days Proviſion of Bread, and for other Proviſions there will be care taken. *Given at* Ballyſhanan *the* 11*th of* Auguſt 1691.

To Major Tichburne *Commanding the Militia of* Cavan, *and Coronet* Joſeline Mead *Commanding at* Eniskillin.

John Michelburne.

Collonel *Michelburne* was very deſirous to know if *Ballderrog O Donnell* was arrived at *Sligoe* with his Brigade as was reported, and therefore ſends away a Drum with ſome Letters from the Priſons of *Londonderry*, and a Letter to Collonel *Scott*, giving him an account that as ſoon as *Forward* returned from Preying the Country. Thoſe that belonged to him ſhould have ſatisfaction; that is, they ſhould have either their Goods returned, or elſe be ſatisfied in Money ſo far as it lay in his power; but as yet he was not returned. But however he could not forbear telling him how unkindly he took it in endevouring to bring *O Donnell* to raiſe his Camp, and that in a few days he would return with ſuch a ſtrength that it ſhould not lye in *O Donnells* power to releive them: and that

that it was not Gentiel to ſend a Lieutenant with a Major to General *Ginkel*, when it was agreed on when the Articles were ſigned, that a Major ſhould go with a Major, to ſee the General Sign and Seal. He gave the Drummer Likewiſe half a Guinea to be delivered to Capt. M. *Sherry*, who was a noted Robber and a Captain in Collonel *Terron O Rourke*'s Regiment in *Sligoe*. Collonel *Michelburne* had a correſpondence with the ſaid Capt. *M. Sherry*, who had ingaged to come off with his whole Company, as ſoon as he met with a conveniency.

Here follows Lieutenant Collonel M. Donnaghs *Letter.*

SIR, Sliegoe *Aug.* 11*th.*

IN my Collonels abſence I open'd yours to him, and have ſent to thoſe whoſe Cattle were made a prey by Captain *Forward*, ſome of whom will wait on you; as for our ſending to *O Donnell* to fall upon your Camp while before *Sligoe*, nothing is more falſe: Neither would we wiſh that you or yours were touched here during our League, but you will give us leave to wiſh your Retireing; after which we ſent rather to prevent *O Donnells* comming hither, than to invite him; and that chiefly for fear he ſhould deſtroy our *Cows* and Proviſion. However he is a Brigadeer of our Army, and he may do in that what he pleaſes. You have our Governours anſwer as to your Generals demand, and for ſending a Lieutenant for a Major, Major *Hamilton* is our Witneſs that our Major intended for the journey, but being taken ill, we put the matter to Major *Hamilton*, and it was by his conſent that Lieutenant *Scott* went with him, for the Major that was not able to go, This is no matter of Subſtance I hope to take exceptions at. My Collonel when he comes home will ſatisfie you farther, in the mean time I am,

SIR,

To Collonel John Michelburne
Governour at Ballyſhanan.

Your moſt humble Servant,
Ternon *M.* Donnagh.

The Drumer returned with the above mentioned Letter, and withal was assured that *Ballderrog* was incamped within three miles of *Sligoe* : a Spie the Collonel had abroad brought this following account.

A true Account of the Forces under the Command of Ballderrog O Donnell, *Brigadeer M. K. James's Army.*

Regiments of Foot.

THE *Lord* Ballderrog O Donnell, *new Arms from* Limricke.
Collonel Donnell Oge O Donnel, *some few Arms.*
Collonel Connell O Donnell, Ballderrogs *Brother indifferent well in Order.*
Collonel Shawn Oge *M.* Swine, *no Arms.*
Collonel Cannus O Donnel, *about a* 100 *Matchlocks.*
Collonel Teruon Oge O Roarke, *good Arms.*

Horse.

Major D'la More, *Captain of Horse, formerly in* Lutterells *Regiment.*

Dragoons.

Captain Shawn O Donnell, 1 *Troop* ——— 50
Captain Torlough *M.* Swine, 1 *Troop* ——— 50

The 13*th* and 14*th* the several Detachments from *Bellurbit Cavan*, *Eniskillin*, and *Killybeggs*, of Collonel *Mickelburns* Regiment joyned at *Ballyshanan*, so that he had of his own Regiment about 600, and 2 Troops of the Army.

Here you may see the great difference between Preying and doing the King Service. This was a time if ever they would have their Country cleared they might. But tho Sir *Fran Hamilton* Governour of the County did all what possiable he could do, it could not oblige the Militia to leave their dwellings, notwithstanding the Country paid them twelve pence a day. For of twelve Troops, and two Companys of Militia that appeared out of one County, when they understood they were going to get Prey ; now the Kings service is to be done, and the Town to be Surrendered, no more than 4 Troops appears, to witt, Captain *Charles Hamiltons*, Capt. *William Stewarts*, and Capt.

Captain *Hamiltons* of *Murvough*, and one Troop commanded by Captain *Erwine* out of *Formannagh*. This day the Colonel receives an Expreſs from the Lords Juſtice. *Porter* as followeth.

Dublin Caſtle, the 5th of Aug. 1691.

SIR,

IN the abſence of my Lord *Coningsby*, who is at the *Camp*, I received yours of the *6th*. Inſtant, directed to us both, wherein you give us an account that *Sligoe* hath capitulated, with a Copy of the Articles, which you have done well in, to ſend the General to be Ratified, where my Lord *Coningſby* will be ſure to meet them. What you apprehend of *Ballderrogs* coming to relieve *Sligo*, you need not give your ſelf any further trouble or concern for, he having ſo Capitulated for himſelf and his Party, that there is a perfect *Ceſſation* of Arms between us and them; however ſince you deſire aſſiſtance from the Counties of *Mannoghan*, and *Formannagh*, I now diſpatch away Orders to the Governours of thoſe Counties to march all the Militia, that can poſſible be ſpared out of both, towards *Sligoe*, with eight days Proviſion of Bread to your aſſiſtance, with directions to obſerve your Orders when there. Colonel *Venners* Regiment is marched to the Camp, ſo as the remainder of your Regiment cannot be relieved by any of them as you ſuppoſe; but I hope ſince *Ballderrog* hath ſubmitted, there will be no occaſion. You muſt preſs Horſes and Cars to carry off the Cannon and Baggage, purſuant to your capitulation; they cannot be expected hence, and my Lord *Coningsby* who commands the Treaſury being in the Camp, I know not how to ſend you Mony, but if their be occaſion you muſt find a way to take it up from ſome of the Collectors of their Majeſties Revenues neareſt to you, or otherwiſe; and it ſhall be allowed them upon their Accounts, or otherwiſe be Re-enburſed to you. I am

SIR,

Your very very humble Servant,

Charles Porter.

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The day for the Surrender was the 15*th.* of *Auguſt.* Collonel *Michelburne* exactly according to the time appointed, marches the 14*th.* and Incamped at *Burindruſe*, along the River ſide, 4 Miles from *Ballyſhanon*, and 16 from *Sligoe*, and begins his march by break of day, the next morning; about 11, he comes before *Sligoe*, but on his way, he halted at the *Grange*, and ſent Captain *Shenbarge* to Sir *Teige*, with this following Letter.

From the Grange, Aug. 15. 1691.

SIR,

I Hope this will find my Major, and Lieutenant *Scott*, returned with the Ratification of the Articles from General *Ginkell*, which we ſigned between us: I am now on my March to *Sligoe*, and hope all things will anſwer our Expectation. The Bearer hereof, Captain *Shenbarge*, I have ſent to wait on you. I am

SIR,

To the Hon. Sir Teige O Regan *Knight, Governour of* Sligoe.

Your humble Servant John Michelburne.

Sir *Teige's* Anſwer.

SIR,

I Had yours juſt now, and do anſwer it on back of your own, that you may not wait for an anſwer. Your Major, Major *Hamilton*, is returned, and the Officer I ſent with the Articles, not altogether confirmed by the General *Ginkell*: However, I would agree to the Articles ſigned, but that my Ld. *O Donnel*, a Brigadier of our Army, is come with a ſtrong Brigade, who if he ſtands by us, alters all Affairs, for 'tis a Relief, if he make it ſo: Therefore I think you and he, were beſt to appoint a place where to meet, and diſcourſe the Matter;

ter; for it does not lye in my power to yield a place as this is, if he ſtick to me. You will find me always fair in my dealing, who am,

To the Honourable Coll.
John Michelburne.

S I R,
Your moſt humble Servant
Teige O Regan.

About three a Clock, Major *Hamilton*, and Lieutenant *Scott*, came to the Camp; Lieutenant *Scott* excuſing, as much as poſſible, the Gariſon, for that Sir *Teige*, and the reſt, had great deſire to perform the Articles, had not *Ballderrog* intermedled. Here follows the General's Letter, ſent by Major *Hamilton*, when he returned with the Articles ſigned by the General.

Camp at Nenagh, Aug. 10. 1691.

S I R,

I Have ſent you back my Confirmation of the Articles of *Sligoe*, as far as I thought fit, it not being reaſonable to take thoſe in who are not in a ſtate of doing any Service. as for the reſt of that County, if you find they will ſubmit, and deſire Protection, you may give them aſſurance they ſhall have it, and I will grant it them, upon having their Names ſent to me. As for any civility you can ſhow to the Gariſon, it would be beſt to uſe it; and for any Horſes that have been taken, during the Capitulation, if they may be had, pray reſtore them.

I ſuppoſe you know that *Ballderrog O Donnel* has ſubmitted: I directed him to join you, and endeavour the reducement of *Sligoe*, which your good Fortune has already brought to ſubmiſſion: I have directed him to hold Correſpondence with you; and told him, That you ſhall pay him from me two hundred Guineys, which the Pay-Maſter-General will return you for him; if he calls upon you before it comes, and you have ſo much Money ready by to command, pray let him have it; if not, aſſure him, that it ſhall be paid as ſoon as it comes down: If any of the Gariſon can be perſuaded to come in, I would have you buy their Arms of them; and ſuch of the Officers as have

have a mind to ſerve, let them come to me, and I will imploy them; and in the mean time, for incouraging them, I deſire you will give each Captain 5 *l.* each Lieutenant 3 *l.* and each Enſign 2 *l.* which I will re-pay you; and 'till they are put in Service, they ſhall have half Pay. I am

To Coll. Michelburne, SIR,

Your very humble Servant
Bar. de Ginkell.

This Letter from the General gave great Incouragement to the Collonel, doubting nothing now, but that *Sligoe* would be in our hands; in the mean time comes a Meſſenger from the Lord *O Donnel*, deſiring the Collonel to appoint a place between the Town and the Camp: He returned an anſwer, He would meet his Lordſhip where he pleas'd to appoint, and that when he was ready, he would attend him. Soon after *Ballderrog O Donnel* appears, with about ten Horſe; the Collonel advanced with about the ſame number, and with him, Sir *Francis Hamilton*, Cornet *Mead*, Captain *Charles Hamilton*, *&c.*

The Lord *O Donnel*'s Speech tending to this effect.

That he did not deny but that there was a Treaty between General Ginkell *and himſelf; but he was not come to any Concluſion as yet, and that he expected very good Terms, as well for his Followers, as for himſelf; and that as the Gariſon of* Sligoe *was in diſpute, he thought it would be neceſſary that a middle Perſon, meaning himſelf, be put in poſſeſſion; and that Collonel* Michelburne *ſhould perform Articles with Sir* Teige, *and conduct him ſafe to* Lymerick; *and that in ten, or fifteen days time, he would deliver up the Fort to him, or whoever General* Ginkell *ſhould appoint.*

The Collonel told him, He underſtood that Sir *Teige O Regan* was capable, and of Authority ſufficient to make good the Articles that was between them; if he could not, Why was there not a clauſe in the Articles? The Collonel ſoon perceived

ceived that the Gariſon and he were in diſpute, for they abſolutely deny'd him poſſeſſion. *O Donnel*, and Collonel *Michelburne* riding aſide, the Collonel told him, That according to the General's Letter, he underſtood that he was to aſſiſt him in reducing the Gariſon, if in caſe they prov'd obſtinate; ſo that he preſum'd 'twas his buſineſs to perſuade them to ſurrender to him, and not to take poſſeſſion for himſelf, which did not anſwer at all the General's Letter, and gave *O Donnel* the General's Letter to read, and that nothing ſhould be wanting on the General's ſide, wherein was mentioned the paying him two hundred Guineys, which he ſhould have in a day or two's time. *O Donnel* made anſwer, That he would conſult Sir *Teige*, and return an anſwer the next day in the Morning. So returning to the reſt of the Officers; the Collonel treated *O Donnel* with ſome Sherry and Uſquebath, and parted.

The next Day Collonel *Michelburne* met *O Donnel* at the place appointed, and after ſome diſcourſe they rid off. The Collonel delivered him 100 Guineys, and promiſed him in a day or two's time, to pay him the remainder, according to the General's Orders, and deſired to know what he reſolved upon, for that Sir *Teige* was ready to ſurrender the Fort, if he would agree to it. His anſwer was, That 'till his People had conditions as well as himſelf, he would not at all agree that Sir *Teige* ſhould deliver up the Fort. Coll. *Michhlburne* wondred ſtrange, and told him, That he which ſhould aſſiſt, if occaſion was, to oblige them to Surrender, was the only Man that obſtructed it; he deſir'd that he would draw his Forces from the Town, and let him, and the Gariſon, try Titles. He anſwered, not at all, and if he would agree, his People would not allow it, but take part with the Gariſon; but withal told the Colonel, That aſſoon as he he had made an end with Collonel *Richards*, he would then come and aſſiſt him to reduce the place. So they parted, and *O Donnel* went to his Camp: By the diſcord that was between Sir *Teige O Regan* and *O Donnel*, the Collonel was ſtill in hopes ſomething might be done with Sir *Teige*; he therefore ſends a Drumer into Town, with Letters to this effect.

SIR,

BY your Letters, bearing date the 15*th.* of this Inſtant, which refers all to the Lord *O Donnel*, Brigadier of your Army, to act for you; I wonder in all our Treaty, when we ſigned and ſealed Articles, he was not ſo much as mentioned, and then not far from you: I underſtand you deny him entrance into the Town, with any of his Men, as alſo poſſeſſion of the Fort; ſo that you will do with him, and me, no farther than to advantage your unjuſt dealing: I do not underſtand how you can make his coming to you a Releif; you are ſenſible he has made Conditions with General *Ginkell*, and has taken a hundred Guineys from me, by order of the General, in part of his Pay, due to him in our Service; and if he be in our Service, as it plainly appears, 'tis no —— Relief, and the Articles are ſtill in force.

I deſire 20 Cows for my Money, for Proviſion for my Men, which pray order.

SIR,
Your humble Servant,
John Michelburne.

Sir *Teige's* ſecond Letter, in Anſwer to Coll. *Michelburnes*, ſecond Letter.

SIR,

I Had yours by the Drummer: As to the leaving all to my Lord *O Donnel*, I do not deſign any ſuch thing; but being a Brigadier of our Army, we might expect to be relieved by him. As to the Capitulation agreed upon, we are willing to Surrender this place to you accordingly; but we expect that your part of it ſhall be performed alſo, that is, to get us the Horſes, and all things mentioned in the Articles towards our Marching; together with the Horſes that have been taken from Collonel *Scott*, and other Officers of the Gariſon: If you have not a mind to delay, let this be done, and then you will find how we are inclin'd; and without which, we will not Surrender;

der; which we will juſtifie before any General: And the Priſoners you promiſed to Collonel *Scott*, and mentioned in the Articles, are not yet ſet at Liberty. I have no Cows, but am willing you ſhould buy ſo many Cows for your Men, as you think neceſſary, and may ſend any Man to buy them. I am

To Coll. John Michelburne. *Your very humble Servant*

Tiege O Regan.

The Collonel did not much diſlike this Letter, and therefore ſends his Major into Town, to acquaint them, that all things were in a readineſs; and for their Horſes that were taken from them in time of our Parley, when the Articles were ſigned, he would pay for them, according to his promiſe; and for the Priſoners, it is a folly for them to think that he would part with them, 'till they perform Articles with him. The Collonel thought now he was in a fair way of cloſing up all; but whilſt the Major and they were diſcourſing, *O Donnel* arrives from the Camp, and to ſatisfie them in their doubts, ſigns this following Certificate.

I *Do Certifie upon my Honour, That my ſole intent in Marching the Forces under my Command to this place, was intirely to relieve the Gariſon of* Sligoe; *and notwithſtanding whatſoever Treaty paſt betwen General* Ginkell, *and my ſelf, it was purely to delay the Affair in this Juncture, and to forward K. J. Intereſt: And I do promiſe and ingage to ſtick by you, againſt any Force General* Ginkell *ſhall ſend. Given under my Hand at* Sligoe, *this* 18*th.* Anguſt, 1691.

O Donnel.

This is the Contents of what was produc'd to me, under the hand of my Lord *O Donnel*, by Coll. *Scott*, at *Sligoe*, when we parted. Given under my Hand, this 18*th Anguſt*, 1691.

John Hamilton.

As ſoon as this was done, all things were broke off, the Major returned to the Camp, the Gariſon began to be very Inſolent, and ſent word to remove our Camp, or elſe they would beat us out of it, diſdaining the ſmallneſs of our number, they having 10 to 1. The Collonel made anſwer, That he would remove when he pleas'd; and that in few days he would come and beat them out of the Fort. About one a Clock he ordered the Tents to be taken down, and the Baggage to march in the Front, and the Foot to March in the Rear of the Baggage, and about an Hour after, the Collonel brought up the Rear, having with him four Troops of Horſe, and two Troops of Dragoons: That Night they Incamped at *Mullonghmore*, 10 Miles from *Sligoe*; and the next day came to *Ballyſhanan*.

This is the end of the third Journey Collonel Michelburne *made againſt* Sligoe.

That Night he ſends away this following Letter, by an Expreſs to the General, as alſo one to the ſame Effect to the Lords Juſtices.

SIR,

MY Major, whom I ſent with the Articles to your Excellncy to be ſigned, returned on the 14th. The Town was to be delivered the next Morning: I ſent Sir *Teige* the incloſed, who anſwered mine on the back; and according to Sir *Teige*'s deſire, I diſcours'd *Ballderrog*, called amongſt them my Lord *O Donnel*, who ſignified by his Diſcourſe, That as the Gariſon was in diſpute, his advice was, That a middle Perſon, meaning himſelf, between both, be placed in the Town and Fort, and withal did acknowledge, that there had been ſome Treaty between

tween him and General *Ginkel* in behalf of Himſelf and Followers; and if I would condeſcend, he would be put in poſſeſſion of the Town and Forts, and I to perform Articles to conduct the ſaid Garriſon to *Limrick*; I told him as to any thing elſe, I was ready to ſerve his Lordſhip, but my buſineſs there was to performe Articles with the Garriſon, and I expected they would do the ſame with me; after ſome diſcourſe, I rid off with *Ballderrog*, and ſhew'd him your Excellencies Letter, and preſented him with one hundred Guineas of the two hundred your Excellency order'd me to pay him, and the other hundred ſhould be at his Lordſhips Service in a day or two. His diſcourſe was ſtill to be in poſſeſſion of the Garriſon: I told him your Letter mention'd no more than to joyn me in caſe they were Refractory. And ſince there was no occaſion, either his ſaying he would not relieve them or drawing off his men would be ſufficient; I put it to him to know if he came there to relieve or not, and to know whether he was our Friend or Enemy; he told me next morning he would give me full ſatis faction, in every thing. I deſired then there might be a Ceſſation of Arms. My Lord *Ballderrog* went that night to the Camp; early in the morning I ſent the ſecond Letter to Sir *Teige*, whoſe Anſwer is incloſed, and finding him ſo inlinable, I ſent my Major to compound all thoſe little Buſineſſes between us, and to ſatisfie them fully in money, but when he came there, unexpected he found the Lord *Ballderrog* who ſent away the Major immediately to me, to meet his Lordſhip between the two Lines, where we again met, and after ſome diſcourſes we again rid off: he told me that he was ſo far ingag'd to K. *William*, that he could not with Honour break off, but however ſeveral of his Officers expected good Terms, and as much advantage as others; I told him that the Surrender of the Garriſon to me, would be no hindrance, for that you were eaſier dealt with by fair means than foul, and that I muſt acquaint you that he was the only perſon that did obſtruct the Surrender, and appeared our open Enemy, after taſting ſo largly of your favours. He told me he could not agree to the Surrender till his Officers were ſatisfied

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as well as himſelf. I have ſent incloſed an Inſtrument of *Ballderrogs*, without which they would have ſurrendred; when the Major ſaw his falſeneſs to your Excellency, and taking money and yet acting as an open Enemy, he gave Sir *Teige* and Col. *Scott* an account of his ingagement to you, and his receiving money from me. They bleſt themſelves and ſaid he was a Knave on both ſides. The Militia of this Line are every one gone of their own accord home, and I have only theſe two Troops to aſſiſte me, in this forty miles diſtance. I was forced to take them with me to *Sligoe*, intending to ſend them the neareſt way to *Athlone*, in caſe the Garriſon of *Sligoe* had ſurrendred in purſueance to your Excellencies Potent. If you would be pleaſed to continue them with me, they are of great ſervice in Scouting, comning Expreſſes, *&c.* And if your Excellency pleaſe to cauſe a Bill to be returned for the hundred Guineys, I ſupplied *Ballderrog*: Or, conſidering ſince my being here I have been at a greater charge, in my Journeys to *Sligoe*, as alſo for Entelligence, which if your Excellency would vouchſafe to make it up 15 *l.* it would do me a great kindneſs. I am in due Obedience.

Your Excellencies moſt Faithful

and Obedient Servant,

John Michelburne.

The Lords Juſtices, as alſo the General receiving this Account from Collonel *Michelburne* of the falſeneſs of *O Donnell*, ſent theſe following Inſtructions.

Dublin

Dublin *Caſtle*, 22. of *Auguſt* 1691.

SIR,

WE have this day received your Letter by Expreſs, and are much concern'd at the Treacherous dealing of the Garriſon of *Sligoe*, and *Ballderrog O Donnell*. Whereupon we have reſolved to reinforce you with a conſiderable Body of the Northen Militia, from the ſeveral Companies from *Londonderry*, *Dunigall*, *Tyrone*, *Cavan*, *Mannoghan*, *Formanagh*, *Down*, and *Anfrime*, whom we have ſent to this night to march with all poſſible ſpeed under their proper Officers, and to joyne you at *Ballyſhanan*, and we have likewiſe order'd the Earl of *Granard* with another Body of the Militia to march with all poſſible ſpeed from *Athlone* to joyn you, at ſuch place as ſhall be conſerted between you to be moſt convenient, as well for the ſuppreſſion of *Ballderrogs* Party, as the reducing of the Forts of *Sligoe* to their Majeſties Obedience, in order whereunto you are to Obey the commands of the ſaid Earl of *Granard*, as the Commander in Chief of all the Forces appointed for that Expedition. We are,

For Collonel John Michelburne *at* Ballyſhanan.

Your friend and Servants,
Charles Porter Tho. Coningsby.

The Collonel ſent imediately an Expreſs to Sir *Francis Hamilton*, deſiring him with all ſpeed to joyn him at *Ballyſhanan*. Major *Touchburne*, and Cornet *Mead* Supervizors of the Militia, were very dilligent in forwarding thoſe of *Cavan* and *Formanagh*, &c.

Sir

Sir Francis Hamiltons *Letter, in anſwer to Collonel* Michelburns.

SIR, Cavan, *Auguſt the* 27*th* 1691.

I Received your Letter about Ninea clock laſt night, and I imediately ſent to the ſeveral Captains of the Militia to Randezvouze upon Sunday next at *Ballymaſay*, from whence I intend according to your Orders to march forthwith to *Ballyſhanan*. I juſt now received a Letter from the Lords Juſtices, with an account of *O Donnells* Ravaging of *Connaught*, and Orders for me to be with the Militia at *Ballyſhanan* the 27*th* inſtant, which is this day, now it will be impoſſible for the Militia to be there before *Munday* next; and part of them that lies moſt remote I doubt will not be there ſo ſoon: I underſtand that my Lord *Granard* is to command a Body of men into *Connaught*: if his Lordſhip comes to *Ballyſhanan* before I be there, be pleaſed to do me the favour to acquaint him, that I am doing what I can to have the Militia in a readineſs, and the time that I expect to have them at *Ballyſhanan*, where I ſhall chearfully obſerve all the Orders from his Lordſhip and your ſelf, being very ſincerely,

SIR,

To the Hon. Collonel John Michelburne *at* Ballyſhanan.

Your Affectionate, and moſt humble Servant, Francis Hamilton.

Collonel *Michelburne* in the interime whilſt the Militia was geting together, ſends to *Enskillin* for ſome Braſs guns that were taken at *Newtownbutler* from the Iriſh under the Command of the Lord *Mountcaſtle*, and gets them fitted up, as alſo perſuant to the Lords Juſtices Orders, ſends Expreſſes to *Bellurbit* for Bread for the Militia; as alſo provides Boats from *Killybeggs* for ſending away Ammunition, Cannon-ball, Spades, Pitch, Axes, Proviſions, &c. to be Tranſported, that nothing ſhould hinder or delay us in our March to *Sligoe*, and for drawing

ing the Guns; the Horſes that were brought in for that occaſion were ſo ſmall, that they were of no uſe; which made the Collonel, for quick expedition, give his own Baggage Horſes. The 23*th. Auguſt*, the Collonel received the following Letter from the General.

Camp at Carick *on* Lyſh, Aug. 19. 1691.

SIR,

YOU know by this time, whether the Governour of *Sligoe* acted honeſtly, or no; but I have very good reaſon to believe, he has not, from a Letter that is intercepted from Collonel *Scott*; for that reaſon I muſt deſire you will be upon your Guard, and make the Militia advance to the Frontiers, to prevent the Enemies Incurſions: If you have not paid *O Donnel* the 200 Guineys, pray don't, until further Order, or that he has put *Sligoe* into your hands. I am

SIR,

Your Moſt Humble Servant,

Bar. de Ginkell.

Here follows the Letter that was intercepted, as followeth.

Sligoe, *Aug.* the 13*th.* 1691.

My Lord,

NOT hearing from you this long time, I ſend this Bearer to acquaint you with our Affairs. Twelve days ſince one *Michelburne*, a Collonel of the Enemy's Army came hither, with his own Regiment of Foot, two Troops of Dragoons of the Army, and the reſt of their Militia, to the number of about 2000. in all: He ſent us a Letter from General *Ginkel*, with ſome Propoſals, and Money for Surrendring this place, which we refuſed to do; but three or four Days after we agreed to Sur-

 render,

render, if we were not relieved in ten Days, which was only a project to ſave about 5000 Cows we had about the Fort, and thereby got an opportunity to ſend to *O Donnel*, into the County of *Mayo*; I went to him, and now he is upon his March towards the *Boyle*, where he is to remain until we get Proviſions in here; then you may be ſure it ſhall never be ſurrendred without your Orders, or over-powered. I ſaw your Letter to *O Donnel*, and I wondred you did not ſend the leaſt word to me: I hope the Enemy ſhall ſee, That *Gallway* is the only place capable of doing ſuch a thing as they have done: I hear of a great many young Collonels advanced in the Army; I hope my being ſo remote, will not make your Lordſhip forget me, whilſt I ſhall be as mindfull of my Duty, and as ſerviceable in my Station, as any of them. I am

To the Right Honourable,
Patrick *Earl of* Lucan,

Your Lordſhips moſt aſſured,
Humble Servant
Edward Scot.

By this you may ſee how abominable and deceitful theſe Men are, notwithſtanding the Articles under Hand and Seal. This *Patrick*, Earl of *Lucan*, was him they called *Sarsfield*, ſo noted amongſt the *Iriſh*. This Letter was intercepted by one of our Army, being a Spy, going to *Lymerick*, which occaſioned the General to ſend this following Letter to Collonel *Michelburne*.

About the 27th. of Auguſt, *Collonel* Michelburne *received the following Letter, ſent to him by the Lord* Granard; *being a Copy of a Letter from the Lords Juſtices.*

Dublin, the 22*th.* of *Auguſt*, 1691.

SIR,

BAllderrog *O Donnel*, contrary to his Agreement with the General, by which he was to aſſiſt in reducing *Sligoe*, has been the only Perſon has prevented it being delivered up to Collonel *Michelburne*, purſuant to a Treaty ſigned by the Governour.

We

We find by this Treachery of *O Donnel*, the adjacent Countrys may be greatly damag'd; We have therefore thought it neceſſary to cauſe 1000 of the Militia of this Town to begin their March to Morrow, towards your Lordſhip, and have writ to Collonel *Michelburne* to obſerve your Lordſhips Commands; and to the Governours of the ſeveral Counties under-written, to get their Militia at the places and times under-mentioned; of all which we deſire, and appoint, your Lordſhip to take the Command, and with them to march towards *O Donnel*, and to uſe your beſt endeavours to kill and deſtroy him, and his Followers. We have likewiſe ſent, by Expreſs, to the General, to order ſome of the Army the Forces now in *Gallway*, to be ſent to join your Lordſhip, if they can be ſpared: In the mean time we muſt needs preſs your Kordſhip to take care, that *Ballymore* be not left without a Guard. We have directed the Store-keeper at *Athlone*, to furniſh your Lordſhip with all ſuch Ammunition as you ſhall ſend for, to ſupply your ſelf, and the reſt who want. We have your Lordſhips of the 20th. with the incloſed, to which we need give no other anſwer, than what is before.

We know your Lordſhip will uſe all imaginable care and diligence, in ſecuring the Country againſt this falſe Man, and hope the Forces we deſign, may get together time enough, to prevent his doing much miſchief.

We ſhall ſend Proviſions of Bread, and ſome Money, to ſubſiſt the Men. We are

Your Lordſhips moſt obedeent Servants,

Charles Porter, Tho. Coningsby.

We muſt deſire your Lordſhip to ſend to Coll. *Michelburne*, where and when you will have him meet you.

The Militia of the North, for the ſeveral Counties following, are appointed to be at Ballyſhanan *on the ſeveral days following.*

Tyron, *Dunigal*, and *Formannagh*, on *Thurſday* the 27*th.* Inſtant.
Maunoghan and *Londonderry*, the 28*th.* Inſtant.
Cavan, the 29*th.* Inſtant.
Down and *Antrime*, the 31*th.* Inſtant.

Caſtle-Forbaſſe, Aug. 21*th.* 1691.

SIR,

BY this incloſed Copy of a Letter from the Lords Juſtices to me, you will perceive what their Commands are: I am required to keep a Correſpondency with you, and to know from you if it be convenient to join you with 1000 of the Militia of *Dublin*, which are now upon their March thither: If the quiet of the Country, which I hear is threatned by *O Donnel*, will neceſſitate our Conjunction; I conceive *Boyle*, or ſome place thereabouts, will be moſt convenient for Rendezvouſing all the Forces deſigned for that Service: I hear various Reports of *Ballderrog*; ſome ſaying that he has concluded Conditions with the General, and is upon his March to join him at *Lymerick*: Others, That the Officers under his Command, will not accept of the Conditions agreed on. Be pleaſed to let me hear what you know; and withal, to diſpatch an Account to me, whether the *Ulſter* Militia be arrived at *Ballyſhanon*. As I was writing this, a Pacquet from the Army, directed to you, came to my hands, I ſuppoſe from the General, which I hear withal ſend you, and deſire in all theſe particulars, your ſuddain anſwer.

SIR,

Your moſt Affectionate Humble Servant,
Granard.

These for Their Majeſties ſpecial Service. To Coll. *John Michelburne*, at *Ballyſhanon*, or elſewhere, haſt, haſt, To be ſent by the Officer Commanding at *Fiuna*, to *Belturbet*; and by the Officer Commanding there, in haſt away to him.

Coll.

Collonel Michelburns *Anſwer.*

My Lord,

I Can give you as yet but little account of the Militia, only that I received a Letter this Afternoon from Sir *Francis Hamilton*, who tells me that on *Sunday* next he Randezvouzes his men at *Ballymaſoy*, and on *Munday* or *Tueſday* will be with me at *Ballyſhanan*, at which time I ſhall have the reſt of the Troops from other Counties with 500. Choyce Foot of my own Regiment, which as ſoon as arrived will I march ſtraight to *Sligoe*, and if they of *Sligoe* underſtood your Lordſhips Motion, it may be a means of their ſurrendering the ſooner: The only thing will be to know where *O Donnel* is, the laſt news is that but two of his Regiments will follow him, and of the ſtrength of his Forces I can give your Lordſhip an account, but his going to the General I do not find true, if it were, ſomething would be in the Generals Letter, if I could know of *Ballderrog*, I could march the neareſt way by *Sligoe*, I have ſeveral Spies abroad, and will not fail to ſend your Lordſhip an account how affairs ſtand. I am My Lord your Lordſhips

Moſt humble Servant,

John Michelburne.

To the Right Honourable, the Earl of Granard *at* Caſtle-Forbus, *or elſewhere.*

With Speed.

From

From the Camp at Carick *on* Lysh, *Aug*, 23. 1691.

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To Isaac Pereira *Esq; Commissary General of the Stores of* Ireland.

By the Lords Justices Command,

John Davis.

Dublin-Castle, the 25th. *August.* 1691.

My Lord,

I Noloſed is a Copy of an Order to Mr. *Pereira*, to deliver Bread to the Northern Militia, as shall be directed by your Lordship, or Coll. *Michelburn*, which Mr. *Pereira* sends by this Post to the Store-keeper of *Belturbet*, whence the Provision must be had, if your Lordship, or *Coll. Michelburne* will please to appoint Persons to receive the same from time to time, and to Certifie the Store-keeper what number of Militia are upon Duty. This by the Lords Justices Command, is signified to you Lordship, by

My Lord,

Your Lordships most Humble Servant,

John Davis.

Castle Forbas, Septemb. 13th. 1691.

S. J. B.

I Had an Account from the Lords Justices, that there is a portion of Meal arrived at *Belturbit*, designed for the support of your Northern Militia, you need no Order from me since you have power to call for what you find requisite, God willing, I intend to march the Forces from *Dublin*, which are now at *Athlone*, to Morrow being *Friday* through *Connaught*

to *Boyle*, where I intend to be with them the 8th. Day of this Instant without fail. I must desire you to send me notice thither, where, and with most conveniency I may joyn the Forces under your Command, which I desire may be with all the Expedition imaginable. I am

I desire you will bring the 980 *l.* with you, which you received from *Femmitre* the Collector, at *Londonderry*, and which is designed for the support of the Men.

Your Affectionate,

and Humble Servant,

Granard.

Here follows an Account of the last Besieging *Sligoe*, with the taking of the Town and Out-works, by the Forces under the Command of Coll. *John Michelburne*, and the Surrender of the two Forts to the Right Honourable the Earl of *Granard*, the 15th. of *Septemb.* 1691.

A List of the Forces that joyn'd Collonel Michelburne *at Ballyshannon*, the 8th. *of* September. 1691.

County of *Dunigall.*

Dragoons.

Capt. *Charles Hamilton* of *Cavan*, 50
Capt. *William Stewart*, 50
Capt. *Vaughan*, 25
Capt. *Murvough Hamilton*, 50

County of *Derry.*

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Capt *Hugh Rowly*, 50

County of *Antrim.*

A Troop of Horse Commanded by Capt. *Harrison*, 50

County of *Mannoghan.*

Capt. *Dawson*, 50

Of the Standing Army.

Part of Coll. *Michelburne's* Regiment, 600
1 Troop of Dragoons of Sir *Albert Coningham's*, 50

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1 Troop of Horſe Commanded by Capt. *Erwin*, 50

County of *Antrim*.

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County of *Tyron*.

1 Foot Company Commanded by *Oliver Mac Caſhlin*, 60

Capt. *Patr. Hamilton*, 60

For the better underſtanding of the following *Diſcourſe*, *'tis to be underſtood*, that Coll. *Michelburne* had brought the Garriſon of *Sligoe* to Articles, which were approved on by General *Ginkell*, and Signed and Sealed: The Garriſon was to be delivered up to the ſaid Collonel the 15th. of *Auguſt* laſt paſt; but for the falſeneſs of *O Donnel* who was then on Capitulation with General *Ginkell*, and ſent to Coll. *Michelburne* to joyn him, if the Garriſon ſhould prove Obſtinate, and ſo to reduce them by force. The General ordered Coll. *Michelburne* to pay him 200 Guineas, as a Mark of his Favours, of which accordingly he paid him 100, and the other 100 he promiſed to pay him in two or three Days; but the ſaid *O Donnel*, notwithſtanding his Ingagement with the General, the payment of the 100 Guineas, he appeared the only perſon that obſtructed the Surrender, and took part with the Garriſon of *Sligoe* to defend them againſt Coll. *Michelburne*, or what other the General ſhould ſend, Signing an Inſtrument under his Hand, that notwithſtanding any Contract made between the General *Ginkell* and himſelf, his only deſign was to prolong the time; and what he did, or acted was for King *James*'s Intereſt; and promiſed the Garriſon of *Sligoe*, to joyn with them when there was occaſion. The Lords Juſtices underſtanding the Abuſe that was committed by the ſaid *O Donnel*, iſſued firſt their Order to the Militia of moſt part of the Province of *Ulſter*, to joyn Coll. *Michelburne* the latter end of *Auguſt*, who, by the General's Orders, and the Lords Juſtices, Commanded the Summer paſt at

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Drumcleif

Druncleif, the 9th. of *September*, 1691.

My Lord,

THE backwardneſs of ſome of the Militia Troops of this Province was the Occaſion of my not advancing ſooner, I have ſent Capt. *Vaughan* to know your Lordſhips Commands, who will give you an Account of our Advance, and what Condition we are in. I think it not convenient to quit this ſide of the Town to joyn, you before you come to *Sligoe*, by reaſon of the Inconvenience of drawing our Guns. I am,

My Lord,

Your Lordſhips moſt Humble Servant,

John Michelburne.

To the Right Honourable the Earl of *Granard* at *Boyle*, or elſewhere. Theſe

The next Morning, about Seven we advanced within half a Mile of the Town, and advantagiouſly poſted our ſelves in an old *Daniſh* Fort, called by the name of *Rabacan*, built in the time of *Oliver Cromwell*; and as ſoon as we were encamped, Orders were given to repair the ſaid Fort; the ſaid Coll. *Michelburne* ſends a Drum with a Summons to Sir *Teague O Regan*, Govetnour of the Town and County of *Sligoe*, as followeth.

Collonel Michelburne's *Firſt Letter.*

SIR,

I Do not queſtion, but your Intelligence is ſuch, that you are ſatisfied and aſſured of what Preparation is made, which you may ſee by a conſiderable Force under my Command, enough to bring you to Submiſſion, but a far greater under the Earl of *Granard*, and the Lord *O Donnel*, ſo that you will be ſurrounded on every ſide, and that we are not to quit the place

place till reduced. However, I have Orders from his Excellency, General *Ginkell* once more to treat; if with your Conveniency. You know the Hardships of a close Siege, and the ill Effects that will happen if you continue obstinate: 'Twas very ill resented, and ill taken, that you detained the Articles, Signed by General *Ginkell*, you neither returned them, nor the Counterpart, but kept both in your Custody. I am,

SIR,

Your Humble Servant,

John Michelburne.

I desire your speedy Answer; my Service to Collonel *Scot*, and Collonel *Rourke*.

To the Honourable Sir *Teague O Regan*, Governour of *Sligoe*.

Sligoe, September the 11*th*. 1691.

SIR,

I Have yours of this days date; my Intelligence is such, that I cannot give a throad Guess of the Preparations that are making, as you mention, to reduce this place, if they were Ten times greater then you fancy them it is equal to me. Neither am I ignorant, as you mention of the Effects of a close Siege, which I am in this case resolved to try: However I thank you for your offer, and as for not returning the Articles Signed by General *Ginkell*; no wonder at it, for I have no other to show my own General for my Justification, for the manner of my Capitulation, and of breaking off honestly with you, to whom I appeal whither or no I have not behaved my self as I ought; and who is to blame in this matter? I suppose you have the Counterpart of the Article your self; Coll. *Scot*, and Coll. *Rourke* desires to be remembred to you, and Sir *Francis Hamilton*; so do I, who am,

SIR,

Your most Humble Servant,

Teague O Regan.

To Coll. *John Michelbourne*, Governour of *London-Derry* and *Ballyshannon*.

This

This day being 11th. of *September*, and proving very wet, was Imployed in cutting Fagots, and repairing the Fort, ſo that we made no Advance, till about Nine next Morning the Coll. viewed every part of the Enemies Outwarks, where he might take 'em at the beſt Advantage, they were obſerved about 200 of them hard at work in Levelling an old Ditch, ſome diſtance from the Fort; we were informed by ſome of the Country, that they had taken a reinforcement of two Foot Companies, one commanded by Lieut. Coll. *Edward mac Swine*, the other by Capt. *Conn O Neal*; we alſo obſerved great numbers of them going into the Town, and could only diſcover one Company of Granadeers, lodg'd in a *Daniſh* Fort, to obſerve our motion. The Enemy ſtill obſerving our Men at work, repairing the *Daniſh* Fort, were now altogether ſecure, not apprehending in the leaſt, that we ſhould fall upon them that Morning, and fully aſſured, that nothing would be done of our ſide till the Lord *Granard* arrived; but in leſs than an hour, they found themſelves in a great miſtake, for about Nine that Morning, the Coll. ordered the Company of the Granadeers, one Troop of Dragoons, and 200 Foot, immediately to draw up under Covert of our Fort; he likewiſe gave Orders for all the Horſe to get ready, and mount with all ſpeed: in the mean time all the Fort was got ready, the Attillery harniſh'd, and ready to march, the Coll. advanced with the Granadeers, and 200 Foot to ſecure the Ditches, and to beat of the Granadeers that were lodg'd in a *Daniſh* Fort near the Enemies Outworks, and at our firſt firing the Enemy quitted the *Daniſh* Fort, and made into their Trenches; the Collonel thought now was the time, purſues hard after them, enters their Trenches, the Enemy plays hard on our Horſe with their Cannon, which was rang'd on the Hill, oppoſite to the Fort, but with little Damage. We proſecuted our Advance, beating them from Ditch to Ditch, ſtill gaining Ground; the Foot were all hot engag'd, but the Enemy ſtill giving way; the Militia Troops were very forward on all occaſions, led on by Sir *Francis Hamilton*, Maj. *Touchburne*, and Cornet *Mead*; the firſt of which is Lieut. of the County of *Dunigall*, theother two, Superviſors of the

Militia

the Militia of *Ulſter*: The Enemy at laſt took to their Heels, our Men purſued them with repeated Huzza's; at laſt the Enemy took to a ſtrong Sodd Fort, ſome Hundred Yards from the great one; and that the Enemy ſhould have no time to conſider, Coll. *Michelburne* Advanc'd at the Head of his Granadeers on Horſe-back, and about 100 Foot entred into the Fort, the Enemy on all ſides jumping over the Works. Thus in an hours time we became Maſters of all their own Works, and intercepted between them and the Town, ſo that the Town fell into our Hands: Likewiſe the Coll. ſent a Lieut. and Thirty men to guard the Bridges, that no Soldier ſhould enter the Town to plunder, and withal gave Orders that the Gallows ſhould immediately be removed into the Market-place to hang the firſt Offender, which was an extraordinary Satisfaction to thoſe in the Fort, who expected no leſs than to have their Wives and Children put to the Sword. Our reſolute Commander, never diſmounted his Horſe till he had gained this point, endeavouring to win this moſt important place by fair means, it being unpoſſible, conſidering all Intorveniencies to get it otherwiſe, and to indulge them the more, notwithſtanding the great Advantage, Coll. *Michelburne* ſends to them this ſecond Summons declaring it to be the laſt.

The Second Letter to Sir Teague.

SIR,

IN my laſt, I gave you to underſtand that the Forces under my Command, was ſufficient to Reduce you, which you ſee before your Eyes that ye are not able to withſtand us; Theſe are the Men that bid Defyance to Lieutenant General *Hamilton*, During the four Months Seidge at *Derry*, where your whole Army was Baffled, therefore, know that I'll be Maſter of your Counterſcarff before the Morrow Morning, but you cannot but acknowledge my kindneſs in preſerving of your Familys in the Town from Ruine and Deſtruction, which has been practiſed when a place has been taken by Force, but inſtead of that

I Treate you rather as Friends then Enemies, and if now you will comply with Reaſoable Offers, and make a quick Surrender both you and your Families may be preſerved, this being the laſt time you may expect any Favour, for when my Lord *Granard* Arrives, the power will be out of my hands, and ſo pray Conſider it, and let me have your ſpeedy Anſwer. I am

S I R,

To the Honourable Sir *Teague O Regan* Governour of the Fort of *Sligoe*.

Your Humble Servant,

John Michelburne.

Sir Teague O Regan's *Anſwer, to Collonel* Michelburn's *Laſt Summons.*

Fort *Sligoe* 11th *September*, 1691.

S I R,

I Had your Letter by the Drummer, and being a thing of that Importance, I cannot Auſwer it before I have the Officers of the Garriſons advice, which will be in two hours, I ſee your Men go on vigerouſly with their work, if you do not immediately make them leave off Working, I muſt take what meaſures ought to be taken in the Caſe; but I aſſure you that I had rather deal with you in any thing then with others of your Party, and I deſire you to believe that from

S I R,

Collonel *Scott*, and Collonel *Rourk* and the reſt of the Officers gives you their Humble Service.

Your moſt Humble Servant,

Teague O Regan.

Collonel

Collonel *Michelburne* was very well ſatisfied with Sir *Teagues* Anſwer and could not but agree to Sir *Teagues* Repueſt, and the Hundred Pioneers which ſtood ready in the view of them and ſome at work, he Ordered them immediately to lay down their Working Tools, and gave Sir *Teagne* this following Anſwer.

Camp at Sligoe *this* 11th September, 1691.

SIR,

I Had yours, and according to your deſire, I allow the two Hours time you mentioned, and for any work you mention, I ſhall forbear, and do expect the like from you, and altho your People are not at Work, yet they fetch burthens of Fireing from the Gate, and all the Work that at preſent I have need of, is to Remove the Gallows into the Market Place, to hinder Plunder, and to puniſh the firſt Offender, which I believe you nor your Officers will not find fault with having given out a Proclamation to that purpoſe, ſo that the Gentlemen in Fort ſhall not be Damnifyed one Farthing, in Caſe they comply with my Demands, my Service to Collonel *Scott*, Collonel *Rourk*, and the reſt of the Officers. I am

SIR,

Your Humble Servant,

John Michelburne.

Sir Teagues *Third Letter*.

SIR,

I Agree to what you Write, and for thoſe Men of the Garriſon that went out 'twas unknown to me, now I ſend to recall them into the Fort, I am well pleaſed that ſuch good Diſcipline may be kept in Order to prevent Plunder. I am

SIR,

To the Honourable Collonel *John Michelburne* Governour at *Bellyſhannon*.

Your Humble Servant, Teague O Regan.

Soon after was brought this Fourth Letter by a Drummer.

I Am so well assured of your Worth and Honour, that I will send out Three Field Officers, Collonel *Rourk*, Major *Conner*, and Leiutenant Collonel Mc*Donnagh*, without Demanding any Hostages, so appoint Three Commissioners from your self, and agree, what place you shall think fit to Treate in. I am

SIR,

Your most Humble Servant,

Teague O Regan.

The Commissioners appointed for our side were Sir *Francis Hamilton*, Major *John Hamilton*, and Major *Tichburne*.

THeir Instructions were to know what propolals the Enemy would make, and to make Objections to what Demands the *Irish* Commissioners should unreasonably Propose; their Demands were these, to have the Articles that were formerly Signed and Sealed by the General *Ginkell* to be put in force, and what Reinforcements they had taken into the Fort, to be included into the same Articles, and to have nine dayes time for a Surrender, their Demands being brought to the Collonel, he absolutely denyed auy more then 24 Hours, during which he would have open Hostility, excepting the time the Commissioners were on a Treaty, and as to the Treaty he Agreed to those of the former Articles only Scratching out the drawing of the two Pieces of Canon, for that he would not promise any thing, but what he would perform it being Impossible to draw Guns that time in the Year. The Commissioners going out told them that the Collonel would not allow of any time above Twenty four hours, they then Demanded four days and they would put one of the Forts into our hands, Collonel *Michelburne*

Michelburne without any delay bid them return and agree to it Admitting they would give up the big Fort; their Anſwer was the moſt part of their things was in the Sodd Fort, but they would Surrender the Stone Fort, which he refuſing, adviſ'd them to conſider of it till the next Morning, and then to ſend their final Anſwer, in the mean time Coll. *Michelburne* gave Orders to poſt all the Horſe and Foot Guards for the Nights Service, and 100 Pioneers with their imp'ements all in the View of the Enemy. As ſoon as the Commiſſioners were returned, Order was given to Salute them with our Cannon and Small-ſhot, which continued moſt part of the Night; all which time the Fort hung out Lights for fear we ſhould Attack their Counterſcarpe: That night the Collonel ſends an Expreſs to the General, as alſo to the Lords Juſtic as followeth.

Sligoe, Septemb. 12th. 1691.

My Lords,

I Have once more a Proſpect of *Sligoe* Fort to be under Their Majeſties Obedience: In my laſt I acquainted your Lordſhips of the backwardneſs of the Militia; but however on *Thurſday* laſt, being the 10th. of this Inſtant, I marcht with a Detatchment of 600 Foot of my own Regiment, about 400 Militia Horſe, and 100 Foot, with 2 Troops of Dragoons of the Standing Army, and that Night Incamped at *Drumcleeſe*, 3 Miles from *Sligoe*, and ſent an Expreſs with a Detatchment of 36 Men, under the Commaud of Capt. *Vaughan*, with Orders to Acquaint my Lord *Granard* of my Approach to *Sligoe*. Next Day he Incamped about half a Mile from the Town, which was imployed in repairing a *Daniſh* Fort, but proving wet, we made no Advance on the Enemy till about Nine the next Morning; The Enemy was now bolder than uſual; for beſides the two Regiments, they had an Addition of two Foot Companies, one Commanded by Lieut. Coll. *Mac Swine*, the other by one *O Neal*. About Eight I began to form my Detatchments both of Foot and Horſe, but at laſt I thought it neceſſary to imploy the whole Party. At our firſt approach they quitted all the Ditches,

Ditches, and Posted themselves on that side, where stands their Fort, but the Tide being out, I advanced my Granadeers, with about 150 Foot, still gaining upon them; the Enemy Attackt us with great Fury, which caused me to order 3 Troops of Horse to Advance, which caused the Enemy to retreat, and Man a Fort about 150 yards from the great Fort, and that at the Advance of our Horse and Foot they quitted that likewise, which after a short Dispute we became Masters of, and all their Out-Works, as also the Town of *Sligoe*, and now are incamped and lie close under their Forts. By the next I hope to give your Lordships an Account of the Fort being intirely in our hands. In this Action we lost but 1 Ensign, which was killed with a Canon from the Enemy, and some 9 Men Wounded, and 1 Man of the Militia, and 4 Horses wounded. I am

My Lords,

Your Lordships most Faithful

and Obedient Servant,

John Michelburne.

About Ten at Night we had an Account from our Out-Guards Commanded by Captain *Harrison*, that between the Town and *Ballisadeare-Bridge*, they Discovered a considerable Camp occasioned by their many Fires, but did not know whither they were Friends or Enemies, it was dubious whether they were the Forces under the Lord *Granard* or *Sarsfield*'s Party, which we had an Account was marching towards *Sligoe*; and to inform our selves of this most urgent Affair, the Coll. Ordered Captain *Harrison* should send out immediately 20 of his Troop, of which 2 of them to Advance within about half Musket-Shot before the rest of the party, till they were Challenged by the other, by which means they would soon discover whither they were Friends, or Enemies, which accordingly they did, and found them to be the Forces under the Earl of *Granard*; the Commander

Commander of the party was brought to my Lord, who gave his Lordſhip an Account according to the former Diſcourſe. Next Morning the Collonel ſent to them, that if they did not immediately come to Concluſion, he muſt remove all the *Papiſt* Families out of the Town, and if they pleas'd they might take them into the Fort.

To which Sir *Teague*'s Anſwer.

SIR,

I Had yours: The Kindneſs as to our Women and Children I thank you for, you do but what becomes you, and what I expected of you, and what I would have done were I in your Station; I know of no particular Women or Children belonging to us in Town, except Maj. *Conners*'s Lady, Mrs. *Reyly*, and my Servant Maid, if you pleaſe to admit them hither, and the reſt, if there be any to guard 'em, where elſe they pleaſe, I will thank you: As for your ſaying that I came to no Treaty, *&c.* I do aſſure you out of the particular deſire I had to deal with you, I have ſtrained my ſelf to ſuch Terms, as I would not with any other; if you will not take hold of this Opportunity, all Circumſtances conſidered, it is your fault, and believe me you will repent it; you may believe I am not ignorant of my Lord *Granard*'s, and the Lord *O Donnel*'s Motion, but I am really, and ſo are the reſt of the Gentlemen more for you than any elſe of your Party and Station; and to ſhew you my further Sincerity, I am willing that the ſame Commiſſioners named by you and me yeſterday may meet again, and compoſe the matter if they can before the coming of thoſe, with ſome of whom I have no Inclination to have any Civil Dealings. I am

SIR,

Your moſt Humble Servant,

Teague O Regan.

To the Honourable
Coll. John Michelburne.

To

To which Coll. *Michelburne* agreed, and Orders the ſame Commiſſioners, who were on the Treaty the Night before, to go on in the Capitulation, and Conclude with them.

About this time the Collonel received the Generals Letter as followeth.

Camp before Lymrick, September *the* 7th. 1691.

SIR,

I Have your Letters of the 29*th* of the laſt, from *Ballyſhaanon*, and hope with *O Donnells* help, you are by this time in Poſſeſſion of *Sligoe*, for ſince his Agreement with Collonel *Richards*, I make no Queſtion but he will do the Service to their Majeſties which he promiſed, and therefore, I deſire you will uſe him Civilly when he joyns you. If poſſible, when you have that delivered to you, I would have Sir *Teague O Regan*, and Collonel *Scott*, Excluded from Terms, that I may puniſh thoſe People that have ſo Treacherouſly broke their Faith; however I would not have you ſtand ſo much upon that as to looſe the Town. I am

SIR,

Your moſt Humble Servant,

Bar. de Ginkell.

In the mean time the Lord *Granard* advanced with his Party in ſight, and ſent for Coll. *Michelburne*, who with ſome other of his Officers, attended his Lordſhip, and gave him an account of the progreſs he had made, as well in pinning them up, who conſiſted of 28 Companies of Foot, in ſo ſmall a compaſs; as alſo, how all things were in a manner concluded. His Lordſhip was by the Collonel, and ſeveral others, attended into Town, to the Houſe of Sir *Arthur Goore*: Soon after, Sir *Francis Hamilton*, Major *Hamilton*, and Major *Tickburne*, attended his Lordſhip, giving him account, That all was concluded on, between the Fort of *Sligoe*, and Coll. *Michelburne*, if it might be with his Lordſhip's Approbation, except ſome ſmall Additions, which Sir *Teige* deſired the Commiſſaries might report to his Lordſhip, who granted it. His Lordſhip ordered the Collonel, and Major *Hamilton*, to compleat the Articles, which accordingly was done; Sir *Teige* deſiring a further time, for as they were to Surrender at 12 on *Sunday*; his Lordſhip agreed to give them leave till 7 next Morning, being *Monday* the 14*th*. which accordingly was done, as followeth: According to Capitulation, they were furniſh'd with 28 Truckle Carrs, and two Horſes to each Company, for their Baggage, which took ſome time to bring out of the Fort, after them marched 28 Companies, ſuch as they were; which done, Sir *Teige* delivered up the Keys to Coll. *Michelburne*, who immediately marched in at the Head of a Battalion of his own Regiment; after which the Lord *Granard* rode in, with a conſiderable number of Officers, and Gentlemen of the Countrey. Collonel *Michelburne*, with the Keys in his hand, complimented his Lordſhip with them, in the Name of Their Majeſties, King *William* and Queen *Mary*; who return'd him the Keys, and wiſh'd him joy of his new Government.

The Lord *O Donnel*, about this time, delivered the Collonel a Letter of old date, which ſhould have come to his hands about the 21*th*. of *Auguſt*, and it was not delivered till the 14*th*. of *September*.

A Letter from Coll. Richards, *bearing date from* Cuſhin-Town, *the* 19 *of* Aug. 91.

SIR,

MY Lord *O Donnel*, and I, have now regulated all Matters, and will, to the utmoſt of his power, do what ſhall moſt contribute to Their Majeſties Service: I do not doubt but that you will ſupply him, with what neceſſarys you can; after *Sligoe* is in your hands, my Lord, I ſuppoſe, will March towards the General, or according to what Directions he ſhall receive from him; I ſhall take care for his Supplies, of what we have in our Stores, when he comes to *Gallway*, or any other of our places, where we have Stores. Your wants at *Sligoe* may be ſupplied from *Ballyſhanan*, if any there; otherwiſe, upon your notice, and the General's Order, Collonel *Goore*, or my ſelf, will ſend you by Sea, what is to be had from us: I am ſatisfied my Lord *O Donnel* will do his beſt for reducing *Sligoe*; and therefore it will not be amiſs to conſult him in difficulties. I am

SIR,

Your moſt humble Servant

Ja. Richards.

Juſt now I have advice, That Sarsfield, *with the Horſe, is come on this ſide; ſo that Sir* Albert Coningham, *has Orders to march his Dragoons to* Clare-Gallway: *I expect to be this Night at* Gallway; *and if any thing extraordinary happens, ſhall adviſe you.*

Capt. *Otway* had Orders to take an account of the Stores of Ammunition and Proviſion, according to the Capitulation, which follows.

A

A Liſt taken the 15*th day of* September 1691. *of the Guns Ammunition and Stores of War in the Sodd Fort of* Sligoe.

Ordinances Braſs mounted on Brick and ſtand Carriages	12 Ponnder	1	
	Chamber Piece	1	
Iron Ordinances Mounted on Brick, and ſtand Carriages	Deme Coulver.	1	
	Minion	3	
	3 Pounders	10	
Powder 30 bar.	Ditto for Piſtol	1 bar.	
Ball for French Fuſies 6½ bar.	Match	8 hog. per eſt	
Ball proportionable	Culvering	109	
	Baſtard Cannon	72	
	12 Pounders	36	
	9 Pounders	144	
	Saker	267	
	Minion	332	
	Fallcon	054	
Ladles and Spunges for	Demy Culvering	1	1
	3 Pounders	10	10
	12 Pounders	1	1
	Menion	3	3
Crows of Iron 2	Old Iron	8 C.	
Syaths 18	Hand Granadas fixt	200	
Handbarrows 21	Ditto unfixt	328	
Wheel-barrows 30	Scales	1	
Pitch 25 Peices 40	Weights	5	
Floot barrs of Iron 40½	Shovels and Spades	38	

Received the day and year above mention'd, by the Order of the Right Honourable the Earl of *Granard*, the Guns Ammunition and Stores of War above mentioned. As Witneſs my Hand,

John Michelburne.

Sold

Sodd Fort *Sligo* the 15*th* September 1691.

Provisions for the Mouth.

Oate-meal	24 bar.	Meal	11 bar.
Beef	200 bar.	Oates	150 bar.
Salt	1 bar.	Barrly	60 bar.

Received the day and year above mention'd, by Order of the Right Honourable the Earl of *Granard* the Provision and Stores above mentioned. As Witness my Hand

John Michelburne.

The account Received of the The Train of Artillery from Captain *Richard Swan*, as followeth.

Powder in Barrels	25	Shafts	2
Ball in Barrels	35	Linchpins	12
Match in Bundels	15	Tar Tub	1
Wheel-barrows	21	1 Wheel for the big Gun	1
Iron Crows	5	1 Axil-tree	1
Baskets	45	Swingle Trees	4
3 Pounder Balls	183	Hurters and Wassers	18
A Small parcel *Kilkenny* Coals in a Case		1 Jack	1
Hammer Hatchits	20	8 Sand Bagg	1
Bill Hooks	24	12 Pounder Balls	98
A barral Kit		1 Dark Lanthorn	1
Granadas fixt	100	*Long Spikes* in a Box	500
Shells unfixt	482	2 Shilling Nails	500
Handbarrows	48	Of mens Harnessing	2
Pickaxes	23	Riges Ropes	2
Rep-hooks	5	Fadams of 2 inch Rope	10
Syaths	2	A Goyl of Small Rope	1
Whetstones	4	1 Brass 12 Pounder	1
Turn Pikes	18	2 Brass 3 Pounders	2
Horse Harnessing	18	And all necessaries belonging to them	
Clouts	12		

An

An Account of Coll. Michelburne's *appearing, Three ſeveral times, before the Lords Juſtices, to make anſwer to Mr.* Foward's *Information, a Militia Captain,* November *the* 19th. *the* 30th. *and the* 17th. *of* December, 1691.

BY the fore-going Narrative, where all things were acted, to the full Satisfaction, as well of the Lords Juſtices, as the General, as by their many Letters do appear; 'tis ſtrange what grounds there could be found out for the calling to Account this Faithful, Truſty Perſon, that the Queen ſhould be acquainted with his great Miſcarriage, and after that, the King in Council; the Order from the Queen was anſwered, in theſe Words, by the Lords Juſtices, in a Letter to the Lord *Nottingham*; as in the Cloſe of the Book. 'Sometimes ſince 'we received Her Majeſties Command, by your Lordſhip, to inquire into 'the reaſon of Coll. *Michelburne's* withdrawing the Blockade of *Sligo*, &c.

That the General, and Lords Juſtices, knew of no Miſcarriage, and that he ſhould be ſo vilely repreſented to Her Majeſty; and with that ſecrecy and privacy, that it cannot be known, who were the Villanous Actors of this ſcandalous falſe Aſperſion, by which the beſt deſerving Men may, unknown, be prejudic'd, and ruin'd.

To go on with the Diſcourſe; after *Sligo* was reduc'd, and the Country adjacent in quiet Poſſeſſion to Their Majeſties Government, the Coll. writes to the Lords Juſtices, for leave to go to *Dublin*, to vindicate himſelf, being advertiſed by ſeveral good Friends, what Affidavits, and Examinations, were given in, to ruine him; and that he might be provided with ſome of the beſt Gentry of the Country, before he went, he writes from *Ballyſhannon*, to Sir *Francis Hamilton*, (who, with the reſt of thoſe worthy Gentlemen, had been all along with him, on all Actions, againſt *Sligo*, and had taken Certificates from Coll. *Michelburne*, for their good Services,) as aſſured, when he went to *Dublin*, he would be had much in Eſteem, for his good Management; he now makes it his Requeſt, for a Certificate, from them, and the reſt of the Gentlemen, to do him that Kindneſs, which not long before, he did to them.

Here followeth a Certificate, from the Chief Officers of the Militia, viz. *Sir* Francis Hamilton, *Bar. Governour of the County of* Donagall. *Capt.* Charles Hamilton, *of* Cavan. *Capt.* William Stewart. *Capt.* John Hamilton, *of* Murvaugh. *Capt.* Henry Colwell, *&c. But first, the Letter from Sir* Francis Hamilton.

SIR,

THE Remoteneſs of theſe Gentlemens Habitations, who have join'd with me, muſt plead my Excuſe, for detaining your Meſſenger ſo long. I make no doubt but the incloſed will anſwer your Expectation; and the greateſt Enemy you have, who was an Eye-witneſs to your Actions, cannot, in Juſtice, contradict one Word in it; I gave the Lords Juſtices an Account, from time to time, of what paſſed, where we were, and never did ſo without doing you right; ſo that, I believe, it will be in vain to make a Repetition, of what I have formerly ſaid, in any thing, that may conduce to your Service, be pleaſed, freely to lay your Commands upon,

SIR,

Your moſt humble Servant,

Francis Hamilton.

For the Honoured Coll. Michelburne,
Theſe. Ballyſhannon.

Here followeth the Certificate.

WE *do Certifie, that the Honourable Coll.* Michelburne, *who Commanded the Forces of* Tyrone Dey Donygall, *and* Farmonah, *marched four ſeveral times into the Enemies Country; and that upon every Occaſion, he was not only Diligent and Careful, but alſo ſhewed great Reſolution and Conduct, to the good Example of thoſe under his Command. And whereas, ſome Men have informed, that Coll.* Michelburne *minded his private Advantage, more than his Majeſties Service. We do declare, that he in Perſon forced back many droves of Cattle, into the Enemies Out-works, which he might have applied to his own private Uſe; by which means, the Garriſon thought it more convenient to Capitulate, than to ſuffer ſo many Thouſand Cattle to ſtarve; with which, and Coll.* Michelburne's *Diligence, and good Conduct, the Fort of* Sligo *was prevailed with to Surrender, at the time it was delivered; All which we Certifie under our Hands, this* 20th. *Day of* October.

Fr. Hamilton.
Ch. Hamilton.
Will. Stewart.
John Hamilton.
Henry Colwell.

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Another of the ſame Certificates, Signed by the Officers of the Army, *viz.*

Mich. Cunnington.
Rich. Bickerſtaffe.
Albert Niſbet.
Will. Gunter.
Sam. Shalcroſſe.
John Campbell.
John Bayly.
John Hamilton.
And. Niſbet.
David Chalmey.
Hu. Caldwell.
Anth. Shomberge.
John Manſell.
Hermles Burleigh.
Daniel.

It was about the latter end of *October*, the Coll. began his Journey to *Dublin*, and waited on the Lords Juſtices, and acquainted them of the good Condition of the Country, and in what poſture he left *Sligo*, and the Country adjacent; and that, withal, he was informed that ſome People had informed their Lordſhips, of ſeveral things, that were falſe, that he knew not any thing he had done, but what was altogether for Their Majeſties Service, and that all he deſired was to have Juſtice; and withal, deſired that he might have a Copy of thoſe Informations that were given in againſt him: Upon which, the Lord *Coningſby* told him, That he would order Mr. *Davis*, their Secretary, that he might have a Copy of them. Moſt of the Examinations were from ſome of Captain *Forward*'s Troops; alledging, That of the Prey that was taken out of the Enemies Country, they were denied Subſiſtence, for which Reaſons, they Deſerted; ſome, in their Affidavits, ſwore to 800. ſome to 1500. One *Robb*, a Tobacco Seller, ſwore to 6000. but would not ſtay to juſtifie his Oath, but is poſted away, by *Forward*, and *Vaughan*, to the King, and Council, to do the Coll. a farther Prejudice.

Of all the Militia, and Army, no Body appears, but one Captain *Forward*, who not long before was ſent Priſoner, by the ſaid Coll. to Lieutenant Gen. *Ginkel*, (the Cauſe, and Reaſon, in their due place.)

The Coll. preſt hard that the Cauſe might come on, and that he might be diſmiſſed; and on the back of *Forward*'s Petition, was writ as followeth.

Thurſday Morning, the 19*th*. of *November*, at 9 a Clock, this Buſineſs is to be heard, before the Lords Juſtices, and the General.

To hinder a long Diſcourſe of this Trial, in *Forward*'s large Petition, and Coll. *Michelburne*'s Anſwer, (after the *Chancery* manner,) and the Witneſſes examin'd, on both ſides, which would take up almoſt as much as the for-going Narrative; we will cut it ſhort, and only mention the Counſels, on both ſides, and barely the Names of the Witneſſes.

The Counſel for Coll. *Michelburn*, the firſt time, were

Serj. Osborne, *Prin. Sergeant at Law.*
Counſellor Wingfield, *and*
Counſellor Wright.

Capt. *Forward*'s were,

Sir John Meade.
Counſellor
Counſellor

And according to the Order of the Lords Juſtices, both made their Appearance, on the 19*th.* of *November*, at 9 a Clock. Preſent.

Sir *Charles Porter*, Lord Juſtice, and Chancellor of *Ireland.*
Thomas Coningſby, Eſq; Lord Juſtice.
And General *Ginkel*, Commander in Chief, of the Army.

The Petition, and Anſwer, was read, and ſome Pleadings, heard on both ſides; and *Forward*, the Militia Captain, failing of any material Evidence, his Counſel Petitioned for a longer time, and had time allowed them, till the laſt of *November*. The Collonel pleaded the great Charge he was at, in keeping ſeveral Witneſſes in Town, and theſe of no mean Rank, as Capt. *Hugh Caldwell*, Capt. of Dragoons. Capt. *Anthony Shomberge*, Capt. *Cunnington*, Capt. *Stephen Miller*, &c. Which was 40 or 50 Shillings Charge, each Day, the Lords Juſtices promiſing that he ſhould be allowed the Charges of his Witneſſes.

The laſt of *November*, being the ſecond time of Hearing, and Pleading, on both ſides; and when it came again to the Teſt, our Militia Captain, failing of his Witneſſes; his Counſel Pleading they had 100 Miles to come up to *Dublin*; they again got leave, from the Lord Juſtice *Porter*, for 15 Days, which was lengthened to 17 Days; but it was ordered that Coll. *Michelburn* ſhould be allowed Ten Guinneys, towards the Charges he was at; that Day, being the laſt Days Trial, was on the 17*th.* Day of *December*.

The Trial came on, the Counſel, on both ſides, preſent.

Counſel

Counſel for the Collonel.

Serj. Osborne, *princ. Serj. at Law.*
Serj. Broderick.
Counſellor Wingfield.
Counſellor Wright.

Forward's Councel were,

The Recorder of Dublin.
Counſellor
Counſellor Hancocke.
Counſellor Donnelſley.

The Witneſſes on *Forward*'s ſide were,

Capt. Vaughan.
Capt. Pa. Hamilton.
2 *Troopers of* Forward's *Troops.*
Forward's *Boy, and*
Vaughan's *Boy.*

This *Vaughan* was one of *Forward*'s Party, and Deſerted the ſame time that he did, and promiſed his Men a Barrel of Beere, when they came home.

Hamilton was in Priſon, on Execution, for about 36 *l.* the Night before the firſt hearing, and the Money was paid, or ingag'd for, to *William Groves*, Eſq; by *Forward*, for his inlargement. The two Troopers were Parties, and fled with *Forward*, when he Deſerted his Poſt, and Plunder'd the Country; ſo that of all the worthy Gentlemen, in the North of *Ireland*, *Forward* had none that would concern themſelves, knowing his Actions to be ſo baſe and villainous.

The Witneſſes, on the Collonel's ſide, were as followeth.

Major John Hamilton.
Capt. Hugh Colwell.
Capt. And. Nisbet.
Capt. James Manſon.
Capt. Anth. Shomberge.
Capt. Mich. Cunningham.
Capt. Stephen Miller.
Lieut. Ferguſon.
Lieut. Tho. Bennet.
Doctor Magee.

Beſides the Letters of Sir *Fr. Hamilton*, and the Certificate, which of it ſelf were ſufficient againſt *Forward*, or thoſe Emiſſaries he brought with him.

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That which *Forward* would have endeavour'd to have made out, was, that he, and his Men, wanted Proviſions, which was the reaſon they were forced to draw off from the Siege; when it was ſufficiently prov'd, that of the Prey that was brought in for the Subſiſtence of the Army, the Militia of *Forward's* Troops kill'd the Sheep; and let the Carcaſes ſtink in the Field, and ſould the Skins for 2 *d.* a piece.

The Lords Juſtices made a ſtrict inquiry what became of the 6000 Cattle, as (they were informed) were taken and brought to *Sligo*.

See the Evidence made by Capt. *William Stewart*, by order of Coll. *Michelburne*.

As alſo, the Certificate ſworn to by Capt. *Bickerſtaff*, and Capt. *Cunningham*, which is referr'd to the Narrative.

Before half the Witneſſes of the Coll. ſide were ſworn, the Lord Chancellor threw the Pen out of his Ear, and ſpoke thus: *Here the Militia complains that they were ſtarved, and that Coll.* Michelburne *converted the Prey to his own uſe, when we find plainly, that the Militia plunder'd and took all away*; and ſo the Court roſe.

And all People were fully ſatisfied what a piece of Roguery, and Villany, was deſign'd to ruine a worthy honeſt Gentleman, who all a long, during the War of *Ireland*, made it his ſtudy and care to act and do what was moſt needfull for Their Majeſties Service.

Here followeth the Journal that was given in before the Lords Juſtices, the laſt day of Trial.

A Journal of Coll. Michelburne's *ſecond Expedition againſt* Sligo, *from* July *the* 30th. *to his return*, Auguſt *the* 8th. 1691.

Thurſday, THE 30th. of *July*, the Collonel began his March, from *Ballyſhannon*, which was about 3 in the Afternoon, and arrived at *Mannor Hamilton*, about 12, that Night, and incamped on the South-ſide of the Town; from whence he diſpatched an Expreſs to Major *Hamilton*, to follow him, with an 100 Fire-locks, to join him, at *Collowny*: The Van-Guard, commanded by Sir *Francis Hamilton*, Bar. the Rear-Guard, commanded by Capt. *Hugh Caldwell*.

Friday: The 31ſt. of *July*, about 6 that Morning, we decamped from *Maunor Hamilton*, and about 12, came to *Drummalcavie*, being 8 miles, where the Coll. formed his Horſe, and Foot, in a compleat Body, and marched in Battallion, all the Afternoon; about 5, we diſcovered the out-Scouts, and Centinels of the Enemy; about 7, we arrived at *Collowny*, and were moſt advantagiouſly poſted, in a Peninſula, having the Caſtle, and River, of *Collowny*, on our left Wing, and a Bog, on the right.

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Saturday, The 1*ſt.* of *Auguſt*, we began our March about 6, in the morning, the Van-Guard comman led by Capt. *Hugh. Caldwell*; and the Rear-Guard by Capt. *Andrew Niſbet*; Sir *Francis Hamilton* led the Militia; about 10, the Enemies out-Guards were beaten in by a Detachement from the Van Guard; about 11, we drew up about a Cannon Shot from the Town of *Sligo:* The Enemy ſaluted us with 15 Shot, of 18 Pounders, from the great Fort, but did us no damage; about 1, the Col. beat a Parley, which continued till towards evening, where it was concluded, that a Meſſenger, from the Enemy, ſhould go, with an Officer of ours, to the General, to get leave to go to *Limerick*, to *Tyrconnel*, for Terms to Surrender *Sligo*; about 7, we marched back to *Collowney*, and incamped on the ſame Ground, we did the night before; and in our way, 8 Men of a Troop were ordered, under the command of Captain *Anthony Shomberge*, to march into the Enemies Country to bring in Proviſions for his Men, and commanded them to be back that night, or the next morning.

Sunday, The 2*d.* of *Auguſt*, about 3 in the Afternoon, Major *Hamilton* joined us, with 100 Fire-locks, from *Belturbet*; and about this time Captain *Shomberge* returned, with a Prey of about 1000, ſome Cowes, Sheep, and ſome Horſes, on which we mounted the Company of Granadeers. The Collonel ordered the Quartermaſters to deliver a fat Sheep between each four of their Men, and to be ready to march early the next morning.

Monday, The 3*d.* Inſtant, we advanced the ſecond time againſt *Sligo*, and the ſame Orders to be obſerved, as was on *Saturday*; Lieut. *Ferguſon*, and 20 Men more were left to guard the Baggage, and Prey, which was order'd to march in the Rear; about 12, we took up our former ground, againſt *Sligo*; about 3, Coll. *Michelburne* divided his Men into two Diviſions, leaving the Major, and Sir *Francis Hamilton*, to command the Right Diviſion, on that ſide; and when the Tide ſerved, led the Left Diviſion, forced the Paſſage, over the River, and Beſieged *Sligo*, on the other ſide; that night he diſpatched away an Expreſs to *Ballyſhannon*, for Ammunition and Bread.

Tueſday, The 4*th.* Inſtant, the Coll. ordered the Souldiers to build Barrackes, and Proviſions of Cowes and Sheep, were given to the Men; as much as they pleaſed to have.

Wedneſday, The 5*th.* Inſtant, an Expreſs arrived at the Camp, from the Lords Juſtices, to Coll. *Michelburne*, not to make any further attempt againſt *Sligo*, for that the General had taken other Meaſures, without his Excellencies, or their particular Order, which commands were ſignified to him, from their Lordſhips; between 11 and 12, the Garriſon beat a Parley.

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Thurſday morning, being the *6th.* Inſtant, Capt. *Forward*, and his Troop, Capt. *Vaughan*, and his Troopes, with others of the Militia, deſerted their Poſts; the former forces his Paſſage at *Ballyſadeare-Bridge*, and plunders the Country, and about 60 miles through the Mountains, makes to his home.

This day, about 3 in the afternoon, being the *6th.* of this Inſtant, Articles were concluded with the Garriſon, and the Major, and Coll. *Scot*'s Brother, diſpatch'd away, with the ſaid Articles, to be ſign'd by the General.

This evening, Capt. *William Stewart* was ordered to divide what Prey was left, equal, amongſt the Militia, and ſtanding Army; and the ſame night, the Militia ſeized on the whole, as well what belonged to the ſtanding Army, as their own, and intirely Deſerted the Camp, leaving Coll. *Michelburne*, and Sir *Francis Hamilton* (the River being between) in apparent peril of being cut off by the Garriſon; the ſaid Coll. and Sir *Francis Hamilton*, had left them but 150 Men, each, and a Troop of Dragoons; the Garriſon of *Sligo* being this time 2 Regiments, Captain *Vaughan* prevailed with his Men to Deſert, promiſing them a Barrel of Beer, at *Buncranagh*, the place of his Reſidence.

Friday, The *7th.* of this Inſtant, the Detachement, under the Command of Sir *Francis Hamilton*, and Capt. *Anthony Shomberge*, were ordered to croſs the River, and join the Collonel, on a certain Account of *O Donnell*'s advance, with a Body of Men, to beat up the Camp.

Saturday morning, being the *8th.* Inſtant, the Forces were ordered to decamp, and march back to *Ballyſhannon*; the Coll. ſtaying behind, accompanied with Sir *Francis Hamilton*, Capt. *Charles Hamilton*, Capt. *William Steward*, and other Officers of the Militia, with the two Troops of Dragoons, of the ſtanding Army, to obſerve the motion of the Enemy; but finding the Garriſon not inclined to Sally out, about 9 that morning drew off, and marched to *Ballyſhannon*.

In which, fore-going Journal, it is diſcovered, that one *Forward*, a Militia Captain, deſerted his Poſt, and not only loſt the taking the Town, that time, but he had like to have been the ruine of thoſe few Forces the Coll. had left with him. About the latter end of *Auguſt*, he finds the ſaid Capt. *Forward*, at *Ballyſhannon*, and gave order for his Confinement; and for an Example, to the reſt of the Militia, for his Cowardiſe and Miſdemeanours, (it being the third time he ſo unworthily gave the Enemy Encouragement) ſent the ſaid Capt. *John Forward* Priſoner to General *Ginkel*, who ordered him to give in Baile, to anſwer his Miſdemeur: But, inſtead of being called to an account, he informes the Lords Juſtices, by many falſe Allegations, and Affidavits, againſt Coll. *Michelburne*, and had two Months time to act his Villany, whilſt the Collonel

was

was reducing *Sligo*. And, amongſt the reſt, one *Robb*, a Tobacco-Seller, at our Camp, and Confederate with *Forward*, ſwears to 6000 black Cattle, and innumerable Sheep, and Horſes: And as ſoon as the falſe Affidavits were made, before the Lords Juſtices, he is ſent away to *London*, to the King and Council; and that all things ſhould have Succeſs, he is ſent to a Counſel as unworthy as themſelves; to enlarge on *Robb*'s Affidavit, and on the 3*d*. of *December*, the Petition of *George Robb* was read before the King and Council. And in the Prayer of the Petition, deſires that it may not be returned back into *Ireland*, for that it was there already, which ſhews, that the Villain had no mind it ſhould be there, for that he was ſo well known. And at a Conſpiracy at *Londonderry*, held by *Forward*, and *Vaughan*; *Vaughan* declared they had laid ſo deep a Foundation for the ruine of him, meaning Coll. *Michelburne*, that it was impoſſible for him to eſcape. But that extraordinary Action, in taking *Sligo*, he was fearful would ſpoil all their meaſures, this was told Coll. *Michelburne*, by Capt. *Henry Hare*. It will not be amiſs to give you the Prayer of his Petition in length.

The Prayer of *Robb*'s Petition to the King.

MAY it therefore pleaſe Your Majeſty, to take the ſame into Your Princely Conſideration; and that the ſaid Coll. Michelburne, *Capt.* Boyd, *and all others concerned, may perſonally appear before Your Majeſties, to anſwer your Petitioner's complaint, and that your Petitioner may not be returned into* Ireland, *having already made his complaints there; and that Your Majeſty will likewiſe be pleaſed to grant an Order, to* Humphry Booth, Roger Smith, *and* William Nicholſon *of* Sligo, *Eſq; and to* Andrew Knox, John Hamilton, *of the County of* Donegall, *Eſq; and* Robert Delapp, *of* Ballyſhannon, *Merchant, to examine ſuch Witneſſes as the Petitioner ſhall bring before them; and upon the Return, and Reaning the Depoſitions, ſo taken, Your Majeſty will be further pleaſed to grant ſuch further Order, for the Petitioner's Relief, in the Premiſes, as to Your Majeſty ſhall ſeem meet.*

And your Petitioner,

will eaer Prey, &c.

Ch. Mountague.

The Reference.

At the Court at White Hall, *the 30th. of* December, 1691.

Present,

The King's moſt Excellent Majeſty,

UPON Reading the annexed Petition of *George Robb*, Merchant, and ſeveral Inhabitants of the Country of *Donnegall*, and *Sligo*, complaining of Coll. *Michelburne*, Capt. *Boyd*, and others, under their command, for taking away Goods, black Cattle, Sheep, and Horſes, from the Petitioners. It is this day ordered, by his Majeſty in Council, That it be, and it is hereby, referred to the Right Honourable, the Lords Juſtices of *Ireland*, to examine the Petitioners Allegations, and to give ſuch Orders and Directions therein, as their Lordſhips ſhall ſee Cauſe.

Part of *Robb*'s Affidavit, as followeth, and let the Reader judge the reſt.

THAT ſeveral of the Inhabitants applied themſelves to the ſaid Coll. and particularly, Mr. Matthew Ormsby, *a Proteſtant Inhabitant, and ſhewed him the ſaid Gen.* Ginkel's *Protection, and that he was a Proteſtant, never in Arms, and that his Cattle had been taken up by his Party and were under his Guard; but the ſaid Coll. did never give him any order nor reſtore him the ſaid Cattle.*

Now to prove what *George Robb* ſwore is extream falſe. See the following Certificate from *Mr. Matthew Ormſby*, whom he inſtances as a Perſon prejudic'd.

A Certificate from the Proteſtant Inhabitants, in the County of *Sligo.*

WE, the undernamed Perſons, being Proteſtants, and Inhabitants of the Barrony of Tirrecus, *in the County of* Sligo, *do acknowledge to have received, by order of Coll.* Michelburne, *one hundred and twenty Cowes, in full ſatisfaction of all the Cowes, Horſes, and Sheep, taken from us, and the reſt of the Proteſtants, of the ſaid Barrony, and County, lately taken*

taken from us, by the men under the command of the ſaid Coll. the 16th. *day of* Auguſt, 1691.

Matthew Ormsby.	John Boyd.
John Shenan.	Kath. Browne.
Dugdall Boyd.	John Ormsby.
Matthew	Anne Griffith.

Robb's *CHARACTER.*

Port of *Sligoe*,

THESE may certifie all Perſons concerned, That George Robb *was formerly an Inhabitant of this place, and a Shop-keeper here for ſeveral years together; In which Station, he, the ſaid* George Robb, *proved ſo troubleſom and litigious, amongſt his Neighbours, both in the Town and Country; That he hath deſervedly fallen under a very evil fame and report, with the Inhabitants, his Neighbours, of all ſorts, having been very often found guilty of as great villany and knavery, in his dealings here, as are practiſed, and perpetrated, by the moſt profligate Villaines, under which untoward Circumſtances, and Character, the ſaid* George Robb *was forced to leave this Place, and Country; and ſince he did ſo, we are credibly informed, from others, that he hath continued his indeavours to render his Character as notoriouſly Evil, in all places, as it was whilſt he lived an Inhabitant amongſt us, here; The Collectors of this Port deſiring a Character of this* George Robb, *we have certified our Knowledg of him, this ſixth day of* February, 1691.

Phil. Cox.
Law. de Butts.

George Croſton, *Provoſt*,
William Cranford.
Ja. Barret.

This from the Sheriff of the County,

I Have known George Robb, *theſe ſeveral Years, and always knew him to have the Character of a ſhifting knaviſh Fellow, in his Dealings, more I cannot ſay, then that I am ſatisfied this is Truth.*

William Nicholſon.

So much for *George Robb*, Merchant.

The Charge againſt *John Forward*, a Militia Captain, ſworn by the ſeveral Perſons under-written.

Collonel Michelburne *having received Orders from his Excellency, Lieut. Gen.* Ginkel, *to Summons* Sligo, *did on the firſt of* Auguſt, *laſt, appear before the Town, and delivered his meſſage to Sir* Teige O Regan, *the Governour; but finding his Advantage then appearing ſo great, did on* Monday, *following, proſecute his Siege, which had ſo great Succeſs, that he brought them to Articles; and that the Garriſon had been undoubtedly, in the Obedience of Their Majeſties, had not Capt.* Forward, *as an Example, to the reſt of the* Militia, *deſerted his Poſt, at the noon time of the day, with his whole Troop.*

Stephen Miller.
And. Nisbet.

That at Balliſadoe-Bridge, *he forced his paſſage, againſt the Out-guards, and went and plundered the protected Perſons.*

Robert Wilſon.
Robert Robinſon.

That he willfully, maliciouſly, and contrary to Order, broke the Articles that were ſigned, and ſealed, by the General's command, in behalf of Their ſacred Majeſties, *in Order to the delivery of the Garriſon, and Forts of* Sligo; *that he violated the General's, and* Michelburne's *Protections; that he plunder'd, ſtripp'd, and prey'd, the protected, as well as thoſe not protected. notwithſtanding, the* Protections *were produc'd, and that without reſpect of Perſons.*

Samuel Ferguſon.

That he drove away to the number of 800 *black Cattle, beſides* 100 *Horſes, and* Mares, *and loaded* 38 *Horſes of the plunder, of ſeveral ſufficient mens* Houſes, *with* Beds, Blankets, Sheets, Ruggs, Pots, Kettles, *and with all ſorts of Mens and Womens* Clouthes, *and a great quantity of woollen and linnen Yarn, notwithſtanding, he was commanded the contrary.*

Samuel Ferguſon.

That when Coll. Michelburne *heard of the ſaid Capt.* Forward's *return, with the Prey, ſo unjuſtly gotten, he ſent Capt.* Manſon, *with a ſmall party of men, to ſtop the ſaid* Forward, *who (in a Rebellious and Mutinous manner)*

manner) drew up his Troop, in defiance of the ſaid Collonel, and ſaid, he cared not one F— for him, the ſaid Coll. or any Authority he had.

James Marſon.

That when the ſaid Officer returned, and gave an account, to the ſaid Coll. Michelburne, *of Capt.* Forward's *mutiny; he, the ſaid Coll. was forced to ſend two Troops of Dragoons after him, 13 miles, before he could be brought to deliver back part of the Cattle, he had carried away.*

John Hamilton.
Andrew Nisbett.

This is the greateſt part of what was alledged againſt him before the Lords Juſtices.

All this conſidered, Coll. *Michelburne* had very good reaſon to ſend ſuch a man Priſoner to Lieut. Gen. *Ginkel.*

Boyl, December *the* 9th. 1691.

The Lord Kingſton's *Letter,*

THere is a Trial to be, the 15*th.* of this month, betwixt Coll. *Michelburne*, and Capt. *Forward*, of the County of *Donnygall*, concerning a Prey, taken by the latter, near this Town, the 6*th.* of *Auguſt*, laſt, my Tenants were for the moſt part concerned, and all that were, had Protections, and Certificates, of claiming the benefit of the Lords Juſtices Proclamation, in *July*. *Forward* was moſt barbarous in the thing, and vallued no good Qualification, the People were under then, which none, in the Kingdom, could be under better; their Submiſſion being as early as it could be, and their Behaviour, ſince the War, worthy of Juſtice, at leaſt, my printed Protection from the General, in their Favour, produced at the taking of the Prey, met equal diſregard; ſome Informations, taken by me, on this occaſion, will be found in the hands of Mr. *John Brett*, now in *Dublin*; my requeſt to you, is to appear, againſt *Forward*, at the Trial, and keep him, at leaſt, under ſuch Circumſtances, as may find the poor oppreſſed Subjects earlieſt Juſtice; you ſhall not want ſufficient Proof, to this purpoſe, on your reaſonable warning, at any time; and your care ſhall have the Acknowledgement of,

To Mr. William Donnelly, *in* Dublin.

SIR,

Your Friend,

Kingſton.

Mr.

Mr. *Brett* will be found at Mr. *Bradys*, at the *Black Lyon*, *Pill Lane*.

Be ſure to retain a good ſmart Council, and let me find you omit nothing, and that you are very active therein.

Commiſſioners, Sligo.

The Examination of Jaſper Brett, *of* Brickcliffe, *in the ſaid County, taken before the Right Honourable Lord Baron of* Kingſton.

THE ſaid Examinant being duly ſworn on the Holy Evangeliſts, and examined on his Oath, depoſeth, That Capt. *Forward*, high Sheriff, of the County of *Dunnigall*, and his Militia Troops, on, or about, the Sixteenth of *Auguſt*, laſt, preſſed this Examinant, and ſeveral other protected Perſons, in the ſaid County, who lived either in their dwelling Houſes, or other Places, aſſigned them, by Coll. *Wiſebearth*, from whom they took Protections, and Certificates, of ſubmitting ſome Weeks before to the Lords Juſtices Declaration; that this Examinant, being that day (at the time of the taking the Prey) on his return from the *Boyl*, to his own Houſe, did meet the ſaid *Forward*, and part of the Prey, near *Bellanafad*, within three miles of the *Boyl*, to whom this Examinant complained of the Injuſtice done him; particularly therein, having Coll. *Wiſebearth*'s Protection, and Certificate, of the twentieth of *July*, his Landlord, *Gilbert Ormsby*, of *Toberraddy*, in the County of *Roſcomen*, Eſq; his Protection, Licenſed thereunto, by his Excellency Lieutenant General *Ginkle*; and one Collonel *Michelburne*'s Protection, to whom this Examinant applied himſelf, upon his firſt Appearance, before *Sligo*, and who was farther tollerated by him, by way of Protection, in Writing, to live in his own Houſe, to whom the ſaid *Forward* replied, That he did not value, nor would regard his Protection, but would be civil to him, as a Gentleman; that this Examinant inſiſted more particularly on his Protection from Coll. *Michelburne*, under whoſe command, the ſaid *Forward* came into the County; the ſaid *Forward* replied, he would not obey it, that he thought himſelf as ſufficient as *Michelburne*, that that night he would not ſuffer this Examinant to ſtay with him, where the Prey was kept; that this Examinant attended him the next morning, he found him with Capt *Francis King*, one of the Juſtices of the Peace, of the ſaid County, and one Mr. *Johnſon*, Servant to the Right Honourable the Lord Baron of *Kingſton*, pleading in favour of the protected Country, affirming their due Subjection, to

Their

Their Majeſties Government, and offering my Lord *Kingſton's* Protection, from his Excellency Lieut. Gen. *Ginkel*, in favour of his Lordſhips Tenants; all which, met diſregard from the ſaid *Forward*, Conſenting only, at length, to run through the Prey, and leave, as it were, a moiety, but ſhort thereof, as Charity to the infinite number of poor people that followed.

This Examinant further ſaith, that the ſaid *Forward* took then from him, and his Tenants, forty two Cowes, beſides Calves, and Heifers, a riding Nagg, and Twelve Garroons, and Mares.

And farther ſaith, That thoſe that called at his Houſe, when *Michelburne's* Protection was produced them, tore the ſame, and threw it in the Dirt.

And further ſaith, That no part of the ſaid Prey, was nearer *Ballimore*, than this Examinant's Houſe, who was, as aforeſaid, tollerated to live in his Houſe, about four miles diſtance from *Ballymore*.

That the reſt of the ſaid Prey, for the moſt part, was taken within two or three miles of the *Boyle*. And further ſaith not, taken before me, *December* the 1ſt. 1691.

Kingſton.

The Lords Juſtices Letter to the Lord Nottingham, *Principal Secretary of State.*

My Lord,

SOmetime ſince we received Her Majeſties Commands, by your Lordſhip, to inquire into the reaſon of Coll. *Michelburne's* withdrawing the Blockade of *Sligo*, before the delivery of it, purſuant to the firſt Capitulation, which we could not do, till the Campaign was over, ſince then, we have examined the matter, which at firſt appeared to us, as if the ſaid Coll. had cauſeleſſly left his Poſt, and that the Enemy took that Advantage to break their Articles, and refuſed to deliver up the Town. But upon hearing Witneſſes, produced by thoſe, who charged this miſcarriage upon him; and alſo, his Defence, and Witneſſes produced to prove the truth thereof; we do not find there was any juſt cauſe to Charge the ſaid Coll. *Michelburne*, with any neg-

lect,

leſt, or default. But it appeared to us upon the Proof, and Examination aforeſaid; that his drawing off from thence was unavoidable, and that he could no longer continue there, without the certain ruine of thoſe few Forces remaining with him, which we deſire your Lordſhip to lay before His Majeſty,

My Lords,
Your Lordſhips moſt humble Servant.

To the Right Honourable, the Earl of Nottingham, *Principal Secretary of State.*

Gha. Porter.
Tho. Conningsby.

To conclude, Here, you ſee, is a juſt and true Account, of Coll *Michelburne*'s faithful Diſcharge, of his Duty both to Their Majeſties, and his Country, and as we ſay, *He is a good Soldier, that goes no farther than he is commanded*; and by the fore-going Diſcourſe, he had no poſitive Orders for going againſt *Sligo*; yet when they found he had ſo good Succeſs, they highly applauded him, and incouraged him to proſecute that which he had ſo fortunately begun. For ſays the Lords Juſtices, *You cannot do your King a greater Service, then to get that place*; ſays the General, *I have directed* O Donnel *to join you, to endeavour the Reducement of* Sligo, *which your good Fortune has already brought to Submiſſion.* And in another Letter, from his Excellency, he acquaints the Coll. *That he had ordered the Militia, that lay at* Athlone, *to march to the North, and be poſted as he ſhall direct; and after the care you have uſed in this Affair, I am ſorry it did not ſucceed: However, you have done your part very well, and would make a good Addition to your Services, if you could yet find any way for treating with Sir* Teague O Regan, *and getting the place.* You ſee that he ſo treated with Sir *Teague O Regan*, with his drawn Sword, as to beat him out of *Sligo*. Nor in the whole, can there be reaſonably the leaſt ſhadow of complaint, to charge Coll. *Michelburne* with any Miſ-behaviour through his whole Service; though, there are not wanting, thoſe malicious people, who not only ſtudy to render him little, but if poſſible to make him uncapable of ſerving his King or Country, and to have him turned out of His Majeſties Service, and his Regiment broken.

Such envious Spirits, 'tis true, are at work, and though perhaps his Martial Education has not ſo intirely qualified him for a Courtier, to be ready guard, againſt thoſe ſecret Machinations againſt him: However, he thanks Heaven, that he lives in an Age, where Virtue and Honour are their own Supporters, Deſert and Fidelity ſtand their own Court-Friends, and their Foundation too ſtrong to be ſupplanted by Paraſites or Flatterers. As ſome farther Teſtimonials of the Colonel's Behaviour. I ſhall only ſubjoin theſe two Certificates, one from the City of *Londonderry*, and the other from *Coltaine*.

The

WE the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgeſſes of the City of *Londonderry*, do hereby Atteſt and Certifie, that Collonel *John Mickelburne*, Governour of the ſaid City, in and ſince the Siege of *Derry*, having his Regiment, or a great part of them, Quartered here many Months kept the ſaid Garaiſon in good Order, Diſcipline, and Temper, whilſt his own Regiment were Quartered among us, and paid their Quarters, and was careful of the Preſervation of the Place, both from any Inſults of the Enemy, and from all Irregularities of his Soldiers, and by all means in his power, made his Government and Intereſt in this Garriſon, on all Occaſions eaſie and pleaſing to us, for which Services and Civil Deportment, he was Elected and Sworn Alderman of this City. In Teſtimony whereof, We have hereunto ſet our Hands and Affixed the Common Seal of this City, the Second day of *February*, 1690.

Ger. Squire, Mayor.
Samuel Norman.
Alex. Tomkins.
Alex. Lecky.
Tho. Moncreiſe, *Hen. Aſh*, } Arvice.
Wil. Crookshanks, Com.
Rob. Skeenan.
Will. Monſeer.
John Harvey.
Fran. Nevil.
Albert Hall.
Alex. Coningham.
Tho. Moore.
Samuel Leeſon.
John Gilling.
John Crookshanks.
John Nightingall.
Geo. Gravel.
John Mogridge.
Will. Mackie.
Rob. Harvey.

WE the Inhabitants of the Town of *Colraine*, do Certifie, that during the time the Regiment belonging to the Honourable Collonel *John Michelburne*, Governour of *Londonderry*, did Quarter and keep Garrison in this place, both Officers and Soldiers, behaved themselves very Orderly, and Civily, to the Town and Gountrey, paying thankfully for what they called for, all which we Certifie as Truth, to whom it may Concern. Dated at *Colraine*, this third day of *February*, *Anno Dom.* 1690.

William Godfrey, Mayor.
Rich. Adams.
Edm. Haward.
Alex. Mac Phillip.
Daniel Browne.
Richard Lynam.
Thomas Lance.
John Twaddel.
David Wilson.
John Ga'
James Oustiane.
John Gardner.
William Ross.
Hugh Bankhead.

We

WE the Inhabitants of the Town of *Antrim*, Do hereby Certifie, That during the time the Honourable *Collonel John Michelburne*, Governour of *Londonderry*, his Regiment did Quarter, and keep Garrison in this Place; both Officers and Soldiers behaved themselves Civily, without Robbing, or Plundering the Town or Conntrey, but thankfully paying for what they call'd for: All which we Certifie as Truth, to whom it may concern.

Given under our Hands this 28*th. of* Januar. 169$\frac{0}{1}$.

James Shennan.
William Stewart.
John Mac Master.
Tho. Gredell.
William Colvill.
William Whitby.
Alexander Hanna.
John Nabb.
William Young.
Rob. Weire.
John Brigson.
Thomas Spencer.
Robert Coningham.

FINIS.